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Holy and
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Trinity,
Stratford-onAvon

Cover Picture

Holy and Undivided Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon

THE CHURCH of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Stratford-on-Avon, has been described as one of the most beautiful parish churches in the world; it is lovely whether viewed from a distance or close at hand.

No trace remains of the 7th century Saxon monastery established at Stratford. It is believed that in Norman times a church occupied the site of the monastery, but of this there is no certainty. About 1210 the original north and south transepts were built. Between 1280 and 1330 the north and south aisles, the tower and the piers of the nave were constructed, and the period from 1480 to 1520 saw the addition of the chancel, the clerestory, the west window and the north porch. In the chancel, in front of the high altar, lie the remains of William Shakespeare and his family.

The early 13th century transepts and the upper part of the tower are the earliest features of the church. There are remains in the east and west walls of the north transept (now the vestry) of narrow arches which apparently opened into the 12th or 13th century aisles to the north of the nave

and former chancel.

The porch is a late 15th century addition and has an upper chamber, or parvis, which is approached from inside the church. The porch ceiling is vaulted in white stone, which has suffered serious mutilation. On the west and east sides there are stone seats which were probably used for parish meetings. There are remains of holy water stoups in the north angles. The outer entrance is fitted with a pair of 17th century doors; the inner doors, which are massive and of fine workmanship, were made and hung in 1480. On the outside of the west wall there are incisions in the stone, thought by some to be bullet marks, but more probably made by 18th century archers sharpening their arrows in the stone when shocting in the churchyard after Sunday morning services.

After the Reformation the interior of the church suffered many changes, chiefly in the direction of increased simplicity. The rood and chantry chapels were abolished, many carvings mutilated and glass destroyed. The original wooden spire, erected in 1675, was replaced with the present stone one in 1763.

At the moment there is extensive restoration work in hand and there has been a world-wide appeal for funds. But this great church is not a museum of the past; it is still a parish church and constantly in use. Here Christians worship continues after nearly 800 years, here the sacraments are administered, here countless people come to pray and to meditate, and here people come in sorrow and in joy. The church stands as a bulwark of the Christian faith and witness to the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

THE BELLS

The original six bells were the work of Henry and Matthew Bagley and cast between the years 1683 and 1742. Two trebles were added in 1887 to celebrate Queen Victoria's jubilee, thus making a ring of eight. The whole ring was melted down in 1948 and the tower now contains a fine ten from the foundry at Loughborough.

The first peal on the bells was one of Bob Major by the St. Martin's Guild at the beginning of this century. Peal boards in the belfry commemorate a peal of Grandsire Triples by the St. Martin's Guild in 1904, conducted by Harry Withers, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major by the

Yorkshire Association, conducted by James Cotterill, in 1907. The Rev. F. E. Robinson also conducted a peal of Stedman Triples here in 1907. No more were rung until 1946, when a peal was rung by a local band, to be followed by many more by ringers from many parts of the country.

Through the years the bells had been rung twice every Sunday by a faithful, but a "stoney" band. It was not until after the First World War, when V. B. (Jack) Hunt moved into the district and joined the band with several new recruits, that changeringing started. After doing most of the hard work in those early days, Jack was elected captain in 1937, a post which he held until 1967, when his commitments as churchwarden made him feel that he must relinquish the office. It was primarily due to his efforts that in 1948 the existing eight bells were removed, recast, augmented and rehung, to be recognised as the best ring of ten for their weight in the country. After a period of 30 years under one leadership there has been a change, and the tower now has a complement of some 20 members and Sunday by Sunday, and on practice nights, Caters and Royal can be regularly heard.

INSCRIPTIONS AND WEIGHT OF THE EXISTING RING

	W	Weight		
	cwt.	qr.	lb.	
Treble "Dick Stokes-Roberts,				
Lt., Grenadier Guards,				
MC., Italy, 1944 — Aged				
21—1948."	5	1	2	
2.—"The Ringers' Bell" 1948,				
V. B. Hunt, Captain.	5	1	10	
3 — "Peace, cast 1887, re-	_			
cast 1948."	5	1	6	
4.—"Cast 1887, recast 1948."	5	3	14	
5. — "H. Bagley made me, 1742, recast 1948."	6	3		
6. — "Matthew Bagley made	О	3	8	
me, 1683. Recast 1948."	8	0	16	
7"1733, recast 1887, re-	0	U	10	
cast 1948."	10	0	23	
8.—"1733, recast 1887, re-		•	23	
cast 1948."	11	3	- 1	
9"1683, recast 1948, Noel		_	- 1	
Prentice, Vicar, Ashley				
Clayton, George Lea,				
Gerald Price, Harry Tomp-				
kins, Churchwardens."	14	2	2	
Tenor. — "1717, recast 1948.				
'The Faithful Dead, 1939-				
1945'.''	19	0	2	
Total mainha	00	_	_	
Total weight:	92	1	0	

KEEN RABBIT

Dear Sir,—I was interested to read the comments of a "Keen Rabbit" in the July 3rd edition or The Ringing World. As a fellow rabbit myself I do have a certain amount of sympathy with his views, but I am left with the impression that this person is suffering from an oversize chip on the shoulder. If he finds ringing so intolerable in his local tower why doesn't he show some enterprise and find a tower where he will be helped in improving his ringing?

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As the "Keen Rabbit" is so fed up with his present ringing, could he send his name to The Ringing World and I am sure that some kind and (I pray) tolerant tower captain will make this ringer welcome. May I add that I am most grateful for all the help I have received in various towers from the "holier than thou" ringers. — Yours faithfully.

JAMES T. SHEPARD. Bermondsey, London.

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OVER 50 YEARS A RINGER



Arthur H. Smith was born at Lamberhurst, Kent, in 1902, and it was there that he learned to ring during the first world war. Under the tutelage of Albert Relfe he soon became a regular member of the local Treble Bob and Surprise Minor band. He rang his first peal in 1920 and during the next ten years rang nearly 50 more, all in Kent, in a variety of methods. Moving to Leatherhead, Surrey, in 1929, he joined the local band, to which he still belongs. Becoming secretary of the Leatherhead District of the Guildford Guild in 1930, he held the post for 30 years, and during this period was a regular member of the local Surprise band led by Albert Harman. They rang the first peal in a number of Major and Royal methods.

On relinquishing the post of district secretary in 1960 Arthur was made a vice-president of the Guild, being the fourth member of the Leatherhead band to be so honoured. His son, Alan, was master of the Leatherhead District until very recently, when he took up a post in Fiji. Arthur's peal total is 173, of which he has conducted 12.

Winchester and Portsmouth Guild

FRIENDLY WELCOME AT BASINGSTOKE

BUT POOR ATTENDANCE

A full programme of ringing in churches on routes leading to the town, an interesting business meeting, well conducted, with a fair proportion of those present taking part, a bright church service with good singing, the address by the rector although over 15 minutes that seemed only like five, a home-made tea, plentiful and well served by local ladies, followed by more ringing at several other churches until all had had their fill; such was the pattern — as in many other areas — when the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild held their A.G.M. at Basingstoke on July 4. Although better support should have been forthcoming from the large guild membership, the 60–70 who did turn up found the friendly atmosphere (always forthcoming from Basingstoke ringers) most convivial, the striking generally good and altogether a well worth while event.

An Executive Committee meeting in All Saints' Hall held before the main business of the day overran the hour allotted, but this gave those waiting the opportunity to see the carnival procession, which Basingstoke had arranged, it seemed, especially for the occasion!

The master (Mr. Roger Savory) presided at the meeting, accompanied by the hon. secretary (Mr. David Forder), the acting hon. treasurer (Mr. Kenneth Croft) and the Editor of The Ringing World (Mr. Charles Denyer. A welcome to the last named and also to other visitors was given by Mr. Savory, and among the apologies received were those from Canon K. W. H. Felstead and Mr. A. York-Bramble.

The company remembered in silence Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, Messrs. F. Attrill, F. Gosling, S. Carey, S. Blake, J. W. Faithfull, A. Jackson and Mesdames W. Tate, G. M. Hunt and R. May, who had died during the year.

Following the lengthy minutes, the secretary read a letter from Mr. John Hunt regarding peal ringing and the guild rules, and this will now be dealt with in committee with a view to a proposition being made at the 1971 A.G.M.

THE ACCOUNTS

Before the accounts were presented, the chairman spoke of the work of the late treasurer (Mr. Tom Francis) and said that with Mr. Kenneth Croft's co-operation and the Executive Committee's agreement (and the appropriate rule) Mr. Croft would assume the duties of hon. treasurer until next year's triennial election, but as the secretary had done both offices since Mr. Francis' death Mr. Forder would present the accounts for 1969.

These showed that the balance of £319 15s. 10d. had been reduced to £198 5s. 4d., but as printing the triennial reports had cost £252 the loss was not what it appeared to be. The question of a modified—possibly annual—report replacing the larger one was being studied. Mr. Francis, it was pointed out, had prepared the accounts—one of his last acts for the guild.

The treasurer's statement of accounts were received without comment.

Mr. D. Matkin, presenting the peal recorder's report, which had been previously circulated, said he felt the guild had acquitted itself well and the report was very satisfactory. Total peals rung were 105, plus six handbell peals. (The peal of Minimus recorded had not been accepted by the Central Council, although the Erin Caters on the Basingstoke nine bells had!)

The master pointed out that because the Erin Caters had been approved it did not follow that any other similar peals, or of Major with a cover bell, would be accepted. Congratulations were extended to Katherine Maundrell (leading peal ringer—34), to



and Wells "Stinchcombe Bells Appeal" was discussed and the committee had recommended that £5 be sent when the work is put in hand. Mr. F. E. Collins made a proposition, stating that this was a test case which should be supported. Canon Paton-Bradbury seconded. The proposition was carried, no contrary votes being recorded.

GUILD DINNER REPORT

The guild dinner is to be fixed for the last Saturday in April each year, and when Mr. Jackson said that the photo and three-line report which appeared in The Ringing World was not really good enough, the Editor pointed out that he had been unable to attend himself and had asked for a report

The master (Mr. Roger Savory) wearing the badge of his office and accompanied by (left to right): Mr. C. Ossler, Mrs. M. Croft, Mr. D. Forder (hon. sec.), Mr. K. Croft (hon. treas.), Mr. J. Chesterman and Miss D Smith. [R.W. photo.

Geoffrey Dodd (leading conductor—21) and. North Stoneham, where 17 peals had been rung.

Apologising for not having submitted a report last year, Mr. M. J. Butler (librarian) stated that the late Mr. Tony Jackson's mother had handed Tony's collection of ringing books to the guild library, and appreciation of this gift was expressed.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING

A comprehensive report of the Central Council's meeting at Ilkley was given by Mr. A. V. Davis and by Mr. Hartless. The members learned that it was a long and interesting meeting with much improved organisation and arrangements, and a real Yorkshire welcome. Both gentlemen were applauded for their explanation of what took place.

Giving his comments on the year's work as he had seen it, the hon. secretary spoke of the tragic deaths of Tom and Margaret Francis; the former had been treasurer and had served the guild and other associations well, and Margaret had been secretary of the old Southampton District. A memorial to them, erected by their family in North Stoneham belfry, would be dedicated in August.

Restoration work had been completed in Bishop's Waltham, and they had a new ringing tower with a ring of six at Easton. The second annual dinner was a highly successful event, as was the striking competi-

tion, won by Eling.

The secretary then gave details of work in the various districts, which generally were satisfactory, but a close watch is to be kept on membership, so that there will be no decline.

Although no guild applications had been received for restoration grants, the Bath

to be sent. When nothing had been received he had asked the guild master, at Ilkley, to do something about it. Unfortunately it was another three weeks before the report arrived, and this was much too late for full publication. He hoped to be present himself next year and would see that a report did appear on time.

The guild striking competition is also now a definite date—the third Saturday in May each year, and the same sub-committee were given authority to organise the event.

According to a rota system in operation, the A.G.M. in 1971 is to be held on the first Saturday in July at Ryde, I.O.W., it being stated by Mr. Bailey that a keen young band there would welcome the guild.

A considerable discussion took place when the election of life honorary members was proposed. Any member with 50 years' membership of the guild is elected to life membership, and in the case of Messrs. H. A. Nobes, F. Barron, T. Taylor and R. Smith this was agreed. However, when one lady's name was mentioned, it was pointed out that although it was believed that she qualified, there was no recorded proof in the 1920 report. The Executive Committee would discuss the matter and make a proposal next year. When Canon Sanders protested (and others supported him), the master pointed out that the rules stated that this was the proper procedure and they must abide by the rules. It was no good making rules if they did not abide by them OTHER BUSINESS

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When "other business" was announced, Canon Paton-Bradbury rose and objected to the practice which, according to the rules, necessitated the names of non-paid-up members being read out at the annual district meetings. He was supported by Canon Sanders and several other members.

(Continued overleaf)

Ilkley, May 26, 1970.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

SECTION VI

RECORDS COMMITTEE

When the Records Committee report was proposed for acceptance by Mr. Blagrove, Mr. Lewis seconded and queried the names given to some methods. He suggested that "Mr." be dropped from "Mr. Rusty" as a method name.

Mr. Blagrove said the naming of a new method was the prerogative of the band ringing it, but Mr. G. W. Pipe said the names should be chosen sensibly—not

childishly.

Mr. Seagrave suggested that the Council should have the power to rename a method—it it had not already that power. Mr. Mayne replied that the Council could claim powers to rename a method.

This report was also adopted.

Mr. Cyril Wratten asked the whereabouts of three manuscripts: (a) James Barham's peal book, (b) any papers left by Henry Davis, and (c) Parnell manuscripts, and, if anyone knew about them, to communicate with him.

OTHER COMMITTEES

The Towers and Belfries Committee report was accepted, Mr. Sharpe expressing thanks to Mr. W. B. Cartwright for his help in legal matters, and others who had assisted in many ways.

Considerable discussion took place on the report of the Broadcasting Committee, acceptance of which was proposed by Mr. H. N. Pitstow, seconded by Canon A. G. G.

Thurlow.

Mr. W. G. Wilson spoke of a colour film being made by the B.B.C. and Mr. Pipe mentioned the poor recording made of the Elstow (Beds) bells.

Among comments and suggestions made during the discussion were that the B.B.C. would not be intimidated; that Leicester ringers were asked to record Stedman Cinques for the B.B.C. but nobody came near the belfry; that the Council should give more support to the committee and the new Publicity Committee; that the B.B.C.

were to make a record of bells for sale to church authorities and ringers, but that they (the B.B.C.) would choose the towers and bells; that the towers chosen were to be given a free disc, and that there was no copyright to the recordings.

At the close of this debate Mr. Chaddock asked Mr. Wilson if a copy of the colour film being made could be obtained, and Mr. Wilson assured him that every endeavour would be made to that end.

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Item 10 (K) was the report of the Methods Committee, and its acceptance was proposed by Mr. C. K. Lewis, with Mr.

S. Ivin seconding.

Great difficulty appeared to be experienced by a good percentage of the Council to understand (or follow) the debate which ensued. Mr. Jelley stated that in 1959 a precedent was set when two methods of the same name, one of Major, the other Royal, were rung, the extension not being orthodox, and the band were asked to change the name of one of them, and this was done.

TRIVIALITIES

The methods discussed now were Leatherhead and Kegworth, and Messrs. Mayne, Blagrove, Seager, Speed, Barnett, Beresford and Dodds all took part in cross-talk of technical method construction. This resulted in Mr. P. A. Corby remarking that the behaviour of certain people was becoming increasingly worrying, apart from the considerable time being spent on trivialities.

Mr. R. S. Anderson, following up this cue, promptly proposed that the Council move on to the next business, which received general approval

ceived general approval.

The Methods Committee's report was

adopted, three voting against.

For the final report, about the general interest film, Mr. Bottomley said that the cost of this was increasing, and it was not right to put the Council's money at risk. However, the name of a contact at the B.B.C. had been passed on by John Betjeman, and with this information the report was accepted.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD—continued.

It was stated by Mr. A. V. Davis that he had yet to attend a meeting where this had happened, as the district officers allowed much more latitude despite the rules. Others present also agreed that the rule in this case was not enforced.—No action was taken.

It was announced that Canon Felstead would be leaving St. Michael's, Southampton, later in the year to become master of St. Cross, and a message of congratulation and good wishes is to be sent to him from the guild.

RINGING WORLD SUPPORT

Mr. A. V. Davis proposed that £10 be sent to The Ringing World funds. He felt it necessary, he said, to do all possible to support and encourage the paper, and now that they had a new editor and a new look it was even more necessary to give help.

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Mr. D. Matkin seconded, but Mr. F. E. Collins spoke against the motion and said it was not right to use guild moneys in this way. "Raise the price to 2s.," he said.

After the motion had been approved by 41 to 6, the Editor asked permission to speak, which was granted.

Mr. Denyer said he did not control The Ringing World. This was done by a committee (under the Central Council), who worked hard to keep it going. He pointed out that the paper was owned by the Central Council, and that as the Winchester and Portsmouth Guild was affiliated to that body, the paper virtually belonged in part to all those members present. As such they should support The Ringing World wholeheartedly.

Regarding the price, this probably would have to go up next year, although he, personally, hoped to keep it down. So many letters came in at "renewal" time from the old subscribers who could not now afford The Ringing World because of rising costs elsewhere and they had to economise; The Ringing World subscription was one of these economies. He appealed to all members of the guild and to ringers everywhere to go on supporting The Ringing World and to help to increase the circulation.

[Judging from the applause at this point it appeared that more support will be forth-coming.]

A final word from the master included thanks to all who had helped to organise the day's activities and a reminder that at next year's triennial elections neither he nor the secretary would be seeking re-election.

The guild's service was conducted by the rector of Basingstoke in St. Michael's Church at 5 p.m., and tea was served afterwards in the church hall.

VISITING COVENTRY

For the Central Council meeting in 1971 it was announced that the Coventry Association would be the hosts, but no actual centre had yet been chosen. Mrs. Beamish (master) stated that an announcement on the headquarters chosen would be given in due course.

The Spring Bank Holiday week-end is again to be the dates for the Council's assembly. When asked where the Council would like to meet in 1972, it was asked if London was a possibility. Exploratory inquiries are to be made as regards this suggestion. Canon Thurlow suggested the Council might consider returning to the real Whitsun week-end for its meeting so as to avoid holiday traffic and accommodation problems.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

When the chairman announced this final item on the agenda, the Rev. J. Scott invited the Council to visit Devon in 1974, which would be the centenary year of the Devon Association.

The gathering expressed disappointment when it was voiced that for the first time ever a member who was a Benedictine monk (a Roman Catholic), Father P. Angold, and who had been unable to be welcomed last year, had been present at the Council's discussions but had not been formally welcomed as a new member. However, it was found that the Reverend Father had just left the meeting and could not, once more, be introduced.

Mrs. Staniforth asked that the official welcome by the civic dignitaries be arranged in future as for this year—on the Monday evening—leaving Tuesday free for the business meeting.

Thanks to Mr. Garner-Hayward for his services in connection with the Central Council publications were expressed on the proposition of Mr. W. F. Moreton, and Mr. Cartwright called on the assembly to show its appreciation to Mr. John Freeman (president) for his tolerance, skill and judgment and capable handling of the meeting. This brought tremendous applause, and was fully justified.

The Rev. St. John Smith proposed thanks to the Council's Yorkshire hosts, and Mr. Walter Ayre spoke appreciatively of the excellent organisation of the Monday Dales tour.

The hon. secretary announced the attendance as 170—the same as in 1969, made up as follows: 46 associations fully represented, 120; 11 partly represented, 27 (16 absent); six not represented (six absent); eight life members (two absent); 15 honorary members (seven absent). Total: 170 present; 31 absent.

Summing up, the president said it had been a long but happy and very useful meeting, and thanked the officers for their services. He also thanked the members of the sub-committees for the work they had done for the Exercise in general and the Central Council in particular. He was very proud to be president of such a body and looked forward to continued support from the members.

(Concluded.)

Once to every man and nation Comes the moment to decide In the fight twixt truth and falsehood, For the good or evil side. Then it is the brave man chooses While the coward stands aside, Doubting in his abject spirit Till his Lord is crucified.—Tennyson.

REPORT OF THE RECORDS COMMITTEE **EOR 1969**

New methods and performances on Tower Bells.

January

5024 Dereham S. Maj. Norwich D.A. 5122 Xerxes S. Maj. Worcs & Dists. A. 5088 Appledore S. Maj. Oxford D.G. 5088 Osbournby S. Maj. Middlesex C.A. 5088 Covingham S. Maj. Gloucester and

Bristol D.A.

February

5056 Festiniog S. Maj. Oxford D.G. 5024 Jura S. Maj. Surrey A. 5040 Wellesbourne S. Royal. Derby D.A 5040 Winchendon Bob Triples. Yorks. A

5152 Tendring S. Maj. Middlesex C.A. 5152 Worthington S. Maj. Derby D.A. 5152 Double Beeston Delight Maj. South-

wall D.G.

March

5042 Stancil S. Max. Leicester D.G. 5184 Tattershall S. Maj. Kent C.A. 5152 Pinxton S. Maj. Derby D.A. 5056 Elmore S. Maj. Worcs and Dists. A. 5120 Wellingborough S. Maj. Peterborough 15

5040 New Gainsborough S. Royal. Southwell D.G. 15

5056 Florence S. Maj. Worcs & Dists. A. 5088 Wilby S. Maj. Hertford C.A. 5234 Ealing S. Maximus. Leicester D.G. 19

Bastow Little Court Maj. Leicester 5040 D.G.

19

D.G.
5040 Cayton S. Royal. Peterborough D.G.
5184 Treasles S. Major. Surrey A.
5152 Dalston S. Maj. Middlesex C.A.
5056 Ingoldmells S. Maj. Surrey A.
5056 Nene S. Maj. Peterborough D.G.
5184 Dorcan S. Major. Gloucester and Bristol D.A.

5120 Mattishall S. Maj. Greater London A. 5280 Hollywood S. Maj. St. Martin's Guild. 26 26.

5184 Real Double Glasgow S. Maj. Hertford C.A.

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ford C.A.
5056 Omega S. Maj. Worcs and Dists. A.
5056 Jonah S. Maj. Worcs and Dists. A.
5088 Alexandria S. Maj. Surrey A.
5152 Ullswater S. Maj. Oxford D.G.
5184 Ypres S. Maj. Kent C.A.
5088 Drighlington S. Maj. Yorkshire A.
5024 Falcutt S. Maj. Peterborough D.G. 5056 Aystus S. Maj. Greater London A

5088 Glevum S. Maj. Gloucester & Bristol D.A.

D.A., 5152 Taunton S. Maj. Middlesex C.A. 5056 Wareham S. Maj. Salisbury D.G. 5088 Medway S. Maj. Kent C.A. 5184 Glamorgan S. Maj. Greater London A. 5056 Mr. Rusty S. Maj. Worcs & Dists. A. 14

5056 Bromyard S. Maj. Worcs & Dists. A. 5040 Isleworth S. Royal. London C.A. 5120 Hunger Hill S. Major. Lancashire A. 5152 Clent S. Maj. Worcs and Dists. A. 5040 Warfield S. Royal. Oxford D.G. 5184 Spilsby S. Major. Middlesex C.A. 5040 Slough Bob Royal. Middlesex C.A. 19

26. August

5152 Little Bushey S. Maj. Hertford C.A. 5120 Littleport Little Surprise Maximus. Soc. of Royal Cumberland Youths. 5024 Xennapod S. Major. Peterborough 12.

16. D.G.

5056 Byron S. Major. Middlesex C.A. 5184 Lewisham S. Major. Soc. of Royal Cumberland Youths.

23. 5184 Bedwardine S. Major. Worcs and Dists. A.

5056 Lathkill S. Major. Derby D.A. September

5152 Ixworth S. Major. Hertford C.A. 5040 Thirston S. Royal. Peterborough D.G.

5024 Quethiock S. Major. Peterborough D.G.

5042 Evesham S. Maximus. Worcs & Dists.

5152 Tuffley S. Major. Worcs & Dists. A. 5040 Kedleston S. Royal. Derby D.A. 5040 Ewerby S. Royal. London C.A. 5184 Rushden S. Major. Peterborough D.G.

November 5056 Aswarby S. Major. Surrey A 5184 East Coker S. Major. Bath & Wells

D.A.

Sussex County Association.

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL VISITED

On May 30, members of the Northern Division and friends set off on an outing in fine weather, Guildford Cathedral being the central attraction, but on the way Cranleigh and Holy Trinity, Guildford, were visited. At the latter church we were met by Mr. White, who made us very welcome. There were not many visitors at the Cathedral when we arrived, and some of us went to the top of the tower to enjoy the view. All ringers had a pull on the magnificent bells, but I fear we did not do them justice. We had lunch in a High Street restaurant, after which we made our way to the towers at Chiddingfold and Haslemere for the afternoon. After a tea of scones, raspberry iam and cream we went on to Petworth where one bell was without a stay, but this did not mar our enjoyment. Our last did not mar our enjoyment. Our last tower was at Billingshurst and, although a bit tired, everything went well.

It was a good day, and we owe our thanks to Mrs. Osbon (secretary), to the ringing masters and to incumbents and local ringers G. T. J. who made us welcome.

November

5152 Chalfont S. Major. Middlesex C.A. 5040 Wembley S. Maximus. St. Martin's 20.

5152 Moorgate Delight Maj. Ancient Soc. of College Youths.

5152 Higham Ferrers S. Major. Peter-22.

borough D.G.
5024 Nempnett Thrubwell S. Major. Bath
and Wells D.A.
5136 Barford S. Maximus. St. Martin's

Guild.

December

5056 Papanui S. Major. Midland C.G. 5184 Alford Delight Major. Surrey A. 5056 Pershore S. Major. Worcs & Dists. A. 5088 Daisy Hill S. Major. Lancashire A. 26

5088 Artaxerxes S. Major. Worcs & Dists.

March 1. 5040 50-Spliced Surprise Maximus. Lancashire A.

7168 32-Spliced Surprise Major (all the work). Winchester and Portsmouth D.G. May 25. 6728 Little Bob Major. Oxford Soc. July 5. 11,520 Eardisland Delight Major. Hertford C.A.

New methods and performances on Hand-B. bells

5124 Wheathampstead Little College Mar. 14. Bob Major. Hertford C.A. 5056 Kent T.B. Sixteen. Hertford C.A. 5040 Little Bob Sixteen. Hertford April 25 Oct. 27

5088 8-Spliced Surp. Major (all the work). Hertford C.A. Jan. 14.

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Feb. 20. 5040 2-Spliced Surprise Maximus. Chester D.G.

Feb. 24 5120 32-Spliced S. Major. Hertford C.A.

April 3. 5000 8-Spliced Pl. Royal. C.A. 5040 3-Spliced July 10. Surprise Maximus.

Chester D.G. July 24. 5184 Surprise Maximus.

Chester D.G Aug. 21. 5040 8-Spliced Surp. Royal. Chester D.G

5088 6-Spliced Sept. 4. Surprise Maximus. Chester D.G.

Oct. 6. 5040 8-Spliced Surprise Maximus. Hertford C.A

Oct. 9. 5040 10-Spliced Surprise Maximus. Chester D.G. Oct. 30.

5040 12-Spliced Surprise Maximus. Chester D.G. F. T. BLAGROVE (Convener)

G. DODDS

J. R. MAYNE

D. E. SIBSON

C. A. WRATTEN

WALTON-LE-WOLDS, LEICS

About four miles from the ringers' Mecca (Loughborough) stands the little village of Walton. This small village with its little brick church tower, holds an honoured and often forgotten place in the history of change-ringing in North Leicestershire. At the turn of the last century the rector of Walton for 45 years was Rev. M. B. Bird. When he came to Walton he found a 3-bell tower. He was himself a keen change-ringer and to his consternation discovered that change-ringing was largely unknown in North Leicestershire. He soon struck up a friendship with John Taylor and in 1896 the three bells were rehung in a new cast iron frame with the addition of treble and tenor. It was only later dis-covered that Mr. Taylor had given the treble as an anonymous gift. The Rev. M. B. Bird developed a good change-ringing band and the enthusiasm of his band spread change-ringing throughout North Leicestershire. When Mr. Bird died he directed that he should be buried as near as possible to the bells he knew so well. His grave lies just by the tower door.

Since 1896 no work has been undertaken on the bells whatever. As was only to be expected, the various frictional parts of the installation were showing signs of wear and the bells have now been rehung on ball bearings and everything generally refur-bished. The frame itself has been ably Payne, who is hoping to train a local band here. Mr. Payne is doing excellent work by reviving interest in "dead" towers in

Leicestershire.

At the service of rededication on Trinity Sunday the ring of bells was once again set apart for the praise and glory of God by the rector. The ringers present took a part in leading the prayers, and Mr. A. Clayton, representing the founders, Messrs. John Taylor and Co., gave a brief talk on the history of the bells and the work which had been undertaken. He pointed out that the Loughborough Foundry was successor to the Nottingham Foundry and could therefore claim 314 years of association with Walton. Walton lies in the Lough-borough District of the Leicester Diocesan Guild, and it was regrettable that no district officers were present and only one district ringer. This lack was, however, well met by the presence of a good number of ringers from the rest of Leicestershire and the presence of the general secretary of the Guild, Mr. R. Hughes.

The bells were rung after the service and all present were well pleased with their im-

proved handling.

THE BELLS

Treble.—Taylor, 1896. 2.—George Oldfield, of Nottingham, 1656.

3.—Taylor, 1853

4.—Briant, of Hertford, 1807. Tenor.—Taylor, 1896.

Durham and Newcastle Association. **EVENTS CLASHED**

The A.G.M. of the Southern District was held at Heighington on June 27, but due to clashing with other church activities the meeting was not very well attended. lack of numbers, however, enabled those present to practise various methods, some regular, some irregular, and an enjoyable time was spent by all.

A satisfying tea was provided by the

wives of the Heighington ringers.

The officers elected at the meeting were: Mr. K. Lawson (chairman), Mr. T. Cooke (ringing master) and Mr. F. Hodgson (sec-

Letters

SERVING OTHERS

Dear Sir,—Although the basis of your Editorial of July 10 is true, the reason for it gives food for thought. How many members are reluctant to be nominated, and indeed are not nominated for office because to be so would appear ungracious and perhaps hurtful to the current holder? How many might not, in fact, have worked harder and proved to be better if given the chance? None can know, for they have never had the opportunity.

In a close-knit, friendly society, there will always be this reluctance to cause hurt to others. How much easier it would be if all officers resigned after three, or, at most, five years and refused renomination. Somebody else would come forward—as happens anyway when death, ill-health or a move occurs. The new holder might be worse or no better than his predecessor, or he might be much better! At least his capabilities will be known, and a useful proof of experience will build up.

The Services probably have more experience than any other organisation in training, leadership, administration and morale. They post officers and men every three or four years, partly to gain ex-perience, but primarily to ensure a regular influx of new ideas and new enthusiasms. One wonders how much progress in all aspects of the Exercise is stultified, because officers hang on to office too long, thus denying others the opportunity to introduce and try out new ideas.—Yours faithfully, Galmpton, Devon. G. J. L. READ.

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, LEICESTER

Dear Sir,—Whilst one understands the feelings of local ringers at St. John's, Leicester, and, indeed, of ringers through-out the country, at the prospect of the de-molition of the church, I am surprised that the future of the bells should be considered a major issue when weighing up the "pros and cons."

The decision to demolish a church is a very serious one that is not taken lightly by the ecclesiastical authorities. Surely the questions at issue behind such a decision rise far above such comparative trivialities as the beauty of the bells, the organ or any other item of the church furniture.

On the other hand, speaking as a ringer, I heartly commend the St. John's ringers in their fight to keep their church openmay their lovely bells ring out for a long time to come.—Yours faithfully,
London, S.E. JOHN PLADDYS.

ORIGINAL MINOR

Dear Sir,—I was interested to see the compositions for 720's of Original Minor

(Ringing World, page 534).

At the risk of being accused of petty-mindedness, could I make the observation that No. 1 consists simply of bobbed and plained leads of sixths place Single Oxford Minor. No. 2 consists of half a dozen or so basic Plain, Little and Alliance methods, spliced at the half-lead.

Working on a similar principle one could almost claim a 720 of Plain Bob as being "Original," with all bobs made at the treble

lead.

It has certainly shattered the delightful vision previously held by many of us of Original being a wild medley of calls. No doubt it was such a vision that prompted a correspondent to ask for the figures of a 720.—Yours faithfully,

Crowborough, Sx. PETER MARSHALL.

THE REVISED DECISIONS

Dear Sir,—Whilst agreeing with some of the sentiment behind George Pipe's letter, I must point out that some of his statements are not correct.

'Well you might as well ring what you like" was the position adopted by the Central Council in 1955, when all restrictions on methods and calls used in peals were removed. This let in methods with plain courses of two leads, eight consecutive blows in one place, containing some leads different from others, more hunt bells than working bells and even false in the Also calls which altered the plain course. path of the treble, left the bells in the same course, altered the length of a lead or were such that the bobbed lead had no resemblance to the plain lead. It also gave the silly situation that the longest peal in a method, recognised by the Council, was not necessarily the record.

In the revised Decisions, the Joint Committee and the Council have brought back restrictions on the construction of methods and calls. In the Decisions on Methods and Calls, paragraph A gives these restrictions, and in the Decision on Peals paragraph A requires that the methods and calls used in all peals must conform to these restrictions. Also a practical sanction against peals not conforming to the simple conditions for record peals was introduced.

At Ilkley, one member of the committee proposed that the conditions for record peals be removed, but the rest of the committee and the Council overwhelmingly rejected the motion. Before their reports were adopted by the Council the conveners of both the Peals Analysis and Records Committees stated that the long length of Superlative was not included in their re-Superlative was not included in their reports. Surely this is more than rejection by implication.

The choice of strange names appears to have started with the silly craze of "completing the alphabet." But surely the name of Mr. Rusty, Dougal, Florence and Zebedee is wholly innocent compared with the deliberate use of place names of an alcoholic or anatomical connotation?

Jumping changes are not part of change ringing. Is it really necessary for the Decisions to include definitions of change ringing, truth, rounds, tower bells or even the differences between consist and contain? 4999 Jumping Caters chimed at Hounds-ditch Warehouse would be precluded on at least three counts.

Having brought back restrictions on the construction of methods acceptable for peals, the Joint Committee could find no valid need or use to divide these acceptable methods into regular and irregular methods. Indeed, at St. Albans many speakers stressed the need for recommendation and guidance in the construction of methods. Hence the recommendation to the Council to drop "regular methods" and to widen the terms of reference of the Methods Committee. Recommendations for different types of methods on different numbers of bells can be of much more use than a general overall definition of a regular method. It will of course be necessary for the Records Committee to record all acceptable methods rung in recognised peals.

Likewise with calls. Having brought back restrictions on their construction, it is difficult to define worthwhile restrictions on their number and placing in a method.

WHO TOOK THE ROPES?

Dear Sir, — The bells of St. Mary's Church, Rotherhithe, were to have been rung for the evening service on Sunday, July 5, 1970, a special service to commemorate the 350th anniversary of the sailing of the "Mayflower," but the occasion passed with the bells remaining silent, for someone had removed the ropes from the tower.

The congregation was disappointed, the rector was upset and also bewildered and, from a ringing point of view, the ringers

had a wasted journey.

The rector was unaware that the ropes had been taken away until the Sunday band reported them missing. All he knew was that a peal attempt had failed the previous day, when one rope broke.

Does anyone know what happened to the ropes, two of which were on loan from the writer's tower—St. Leonard's, Streatham?— Yours faithfully,

EDWARD J. ADAMS.

Streatham, S.W.

MEMORIAL TO TOM & MARGARET **FRANCIS**

Dear Sir,—At the thanksgiving service for Tom and Margaret Francis I announced that a fund was to be opened to provide a memorial to these two well-liked and respected people. The exact form which the memorial will take depends naturally on the extent of the response to the appeal for A suggestion has been made this purpose. that it should be associated with St. Martin-in-the-Fields, with which Tom and Mar-garet were so long connected, and probably take the form of an article of furniture in the belfry. The vicar of St. Martin's has indicated his full approval if this proposal should be adopted.

I shall be pleased to receive donations, which will of course be acknowledged, and it is hoped ringers and friends from all over the country will respond generously to this appeal so that a fitting memorial may be provided.—Yours faithfully,

DEREK E. SIBSON,

Hon. Secretary,
St. Martin-in-the-Fields Ringers.

15 Garden Royal, Kersfield Road, Putney, London, S.W.15.

The worst example of a conglomeration and mixture of calls in the 1955 to 1969 derestricted period appears to be the new compositions for Cambridge Royal.

The paragraph which "let in" the peals at Basingstoke and Sawston was not put in under pressure from sensationalists, rebels and cranks; it was put in at the suggestion of two senior and most respected members of the Council, so that the Council should debate separately all peals not complying with the Decisions. It is easily possible that such debate could go the other way and lead to a tightening of conditions.

Far from lowering their standards or capitulating before a silly fringe, the Joint Committee have recommended a tightening up of standards, and the Council has endorsed their recommendations for new restrictions on the construction of methods and calls, and the continued standard of conditions for peals. Individually or collectively, the members of the technical committees will, I am sure, do their utmost to maintain the good sense, standards and taste in ringing.—Yours faithfully,

F. T. BLAGROVE.

Windsor, Berks.

Quarter Peals

FOR THE 80th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION

Compton Bishop, Som.—June 18, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: R. Rice 1, H. Hooper (first of Surprise) 2, Susan Stott 3, Brenda Sheppard 4,

C. Field 5, J. Sheppard (cond.) 6.
Frome, Som. — May 17, 1260 Grandsire
Triples: K. Baker 1, Eunice D. Overend 2, D. G. Massey (cond.) 3, M. J. Winterbourne 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, G. W. Massey 6, R. I. Kendrick 7, H. Vennell 8.

Radstock, Som. — May 31, 1260 Doubles (three methods): Linda R. Pomeroy 1, M. J. Pomeroy 2, H. Hawkins 3, P. J. Fowler 4, G. R.

Pomeroy (cond.) 5, R. J. Comer 6.

Whatley, Som .--June 5, 1440 Cambridge S. Minor: Eunice D. Overend 1, M. J. Winterbourne (first Surprise) 2, D. J. Orledge 3, Clare Higby 4, R. E. J. Baker 5, D. G. Massey (cond.) 6. Also a 21st birthday compliment to Michael J. Winterbourne.

EXETER COLLEGES GUILD

Exeter, Devon.—June 7, at St. Mark's, 1259 Grandsire Doubles: M. R. Barker 1, Linda V. Cull 2, J. L. Anderson 3, P. Cotton 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, R. J. Fox (first quarter) 6. Also June 14, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Susan M. Howe (first quarter) 1, J. L. Anderson 2, Maureen P. Gardner 3, D. J. Atkins 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, M. R. Barker 6. Also June 28, 1260 Doubles (eight methods): Maureen P. Gardner 1, M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 2, Linda V. Cull 3, K. A. Hughes 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, M. R. Barker 6. Whimple, Devon.—June 8, 1260 Doubles (600

Grandsire, 660 Pl. Bob): Marlene J. Button (first quarter) 1, Linda V. Cull 2, G. P. Smerdon 3, K. A. Hughes 4, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 5, J. K.

Wilkinson (first quarter) 6.

Dartmouth, Devon.—June 22, 1296 Cambridge S. Minor: M. T. L. Griffith-Jones 1, C. Ricketts 2, Linda V. Cull 3, D. J. Atkins 4, K. A. Hughes 5, J. N. Longridge (cond.) 6.

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SOCIETY (All by members and local ringers)

Nottingham.-May 13, Room I 19, Derby Hall, 1260 P.B. Minor: Rosamund M. Rawlings 1-2, P. N. Mackley 3-4, E. Shuttleworth (first as cond. in hand) 5-6. By N.U.S.C.R. members.

Beeston, Notts.—June 7, 1260 P.B. Triples:

Eleanor A. Bowden (first quarter) 1, Margaret H. Mees (first quarter) 2, Stephanie E. Boddy 3, Shuttleworth (cond.) 4, J. M. Rice 5, A. M. Boulton (first inside) 6, P. E. Jones 7, Beryl M. Shuttleworth 8. For Evensong; also a birthday compliment to Elizabeth Burrows, a local ringer.

Wollaton, Notts. - June 7, 1260 Minor (St. Clement's, Pl. Bob): Claire Smart (first quarter) 1, Hilary K. Derham (first in two methods) 2, G. D. Welch 3, R. M. Day 4, Rosamund M. Raw-lings (cond.) 5, P. N. Mackley 6. For Evensong.

Nottingham. — June 14, at St. Mary's, 1296 Erin Caters: Hilary K. Derham 1, Rosamund M. Rawlings 2, J. M. Rice 3, P. N. Mackley 4, S. Humphrey (cond.) 5, R. M. Day 6, P. J. Bagshaw 7, E. Shuttleworth 8, D. Stainsby 9, W. Nichols 10. First of Erin for all, and for the Society. For Evensong; also a wedding compliment to Peter Mackley and Ros Rawlings, past master and secretary respectively of the Society.

South Wilford, Notts .- June 16, 1260 Doubles (six methods): P. J. Bagshaw 1, Stephanie E. Boddy (first in more than one method) 2, P.

Mackley (cond.) 3, J. M. Rice 4, R. M. Day 5. Nottingham.—June 29, Room I 13, Derby Hall, 1260 P.B. Minor: Hilary K. Derham (first in hand) 1-2, P. N. Mackley (first as cond. in hand to Minor) 3-4, Rosamund M. Rawlings 5-6. To mark the attainment of degrees by third year members of the Society.

OTHER QUARTERS

Addington, Surrey.-June 28, 1320 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Sheila Wilthew (first T.B.) 1, E. G. H. Godfrey 2, Louise Powell 3, A. Hobbs 4, I. Wiltshire 5, Wendy Wallace (cond.) 6. For

Apsley End, Herts. — July 2, 1440 Surprise Minor (seven methods): C. Farrow 1, A. V. Good 2, R. E. J. Sheppard 3, S. D. Chandler 4, K. Sheppard 5, F. M. Byrne (cond.) 6. For the Patronal Festival.

Arlecdon, Cumb.—July 5, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Mrs. U. Moss (first attempt) 1, J. E. Brown 2, Miss V. Bell 3, W. Seward 4, Mrs. M. Dodd (cond.) 5, F. Richardson 6. For Evensong. Also July 6, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Mrs. U. Moss 1, Mrs. E. Haile (first Doubles) 2, Mrs. R. Cowen (first Doubles) 3, Miss V. Bell 4, Mrs. M. Dodd (cond.) 5. First quarter by all-ladies' band for Cumberland and N. Westmorland Association.

Ashford, Kent.-July 4, 1280 Cambridge S Major: M. M. Jones 1, B. Davies 2, F. G. Huckstepp 3, N. J. Davies 4, B. Cox 5, R. Swift 6, M. Lancefield (cond.) 7, D. Manger 8. For the Patronal Festival and 500th anniversary of the

Atcham, Salop.-June 28, 1260 Doubles (Pl. Bob, Grandsire): N. J. Rose (first quarter) 1, Elizabeth Stevens 2, K. W. Brice 3, A. J. Molinoli 4, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 5, B. Jarman

Axbridge, Som. — June 24, 1296 Annable's Axbridge, Som. — June 24, 1296 Annable's Lo. E. T. Lee 3, P. J. England (cond.) 4, S. Brown 5, J. Brain 6. First by all. For Patronal

Festival.

Barnby Don, Yorks .- June 19, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: R. Lunn 1, Mrs. M. Lunn (first quarter) 2, J. Thorley 3, E. Thorley 4, R. Stevenson (cond.) 5, E. Padgett 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Frank Lamb, of the local band.

Batheaston, Som .- June 24, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Mary Smyth (first quarter) 1, Beatrice M. W. Dobbie 2, Kay Whittaker 3, P. J. Devrell 4, P. M. Giles 5, M. J. C. Cannon 6, D. C. Hawkins (cond.) 7, B. Sarll 8. For the Patronal Festival; also 21st anniversary of Preb. R. A. Evans' induction as rector of Batheaston; with-

St. Catherine.

Benington, Herts.—June 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. F. C. Robinson 1, B. J. Harris (cond.) 2, R. Spicer 3, P. C. Worthington 4, A. A. F. Peters 5, C. A. Critchley 6, G. W. Critchley 7, A. E. Jones 8. For Evensong at the Patronal Flower Festival.

Bexhill - on - Sea, Sussex. - 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. Edwards 1, Audrey Eldridge 2, A. Cluer 3, J. M. Swift 4, C. E. Verdon (cond.) 5, Dyer 6. For the Bexhill Festival of Music.

Bilton, Warks .- June 30, 1260 Grandsire and Bilton, Warks.—June 30, 1260 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: A. M. Bulteel 1, W. E, Burnell 2, M. D. Fiander (cond.) 3, D. G. Welch 4, T. J. Frodsham 5, L. A. Whewall 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Jack Phillips, local church ringer for seven years.

Bishop's Stortford, Herts. - June 10, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Westwood 1, R. Hayden 2, K. Westwood 3, R. Prime 4, P. Warboys 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Hunt (cond.) 7, D. Hutley For Friends of St. Michael's A.G.M.

Black Notley, Essex.—June 20, 1260 Grand-sire Doubles: D. R. Hutley 1, H. W. Watts 2, D. S. Cheeseman 3, W. Hunt 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5.

FIVE QUARTER PEALS IN A DAY Saturday, June 27

Blackwell, Derbys. - 1260 P.B. Minor: S. Walklate 1, Susan Davis 2, A. Harper 3, G. Hughes 4, P. Marriot 5, C. Thrower (cond.) 6; also 1260 P.B. Minor: J. Armitage 1, L. Greasley 2, M. Astridge 3, P. Warrington 4, D. Friend 5, F. Rogers (cond.) 6.

Tibshelf, Derbys. — 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Chambers (cond.) 1, A. F. Hall 2, L. Greasley 3, D. Camm 4, G. Roobottom 5, D. Friend 6; also 1260 Cambridge S. Minor: J. Wilson 1, S. Davis G. Paul 3, D. Parkin 4, G. Hughes 5, C. Thrower (cond.) 6.

Clay Cross, Derbys. — 1260 St. Clement's Minor: D. Friend (cond.) 1, S. Davis 2, L. Greasley 3, D. Camm 4, G. Hughes 5, C. Thrower 6.

Brent Pelham, Herts.-May 1, 1296 Camb. S. Minor: Lilian Goodman 1, G. Goodman 2, K. Westwood 3, P. Glazebrook 4, W. Hunt 5, L. Luck (cond.) 6.

Broadchalke, Wilts. — June 27, 1296 Cambridge Minor: P. Cull 1, S. I. Bamforth 2, D. L. Cull 3, I. Calvert 4, M. J. Hiller 5, R. Haines (cond.) 6.

Bromfield, Salop.—June 12, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. Thompson 1, D. Ferguson 2, G. Fletcher 3, H. Lewis 4, N. Cullum 5, P. Keene (cond.) 6.

Buckfastleigh, Devon.-July 1, 1264 Pl. Bob Major: A. G. Thompson (first Major) 1, A. S. Carter 2, G. J. L. Read 3, W. S. Wayman 4, D. P. Angold 5, R. F. Shepperd (cond.) 6, R. J. Edden 7, T. Cullingworth 8.

Burgh-le-Marsh, Lines -- June 26, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Ling 1, P. A. Sharp 2, G. R. Parker 3, H. Bennett 4, M. J. Belcher 5, H. Barsley 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, V. Waite To celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. V. Waite.

Carhampton, Som.-June 24, 1260 Doubles (St. John the Baptist and four other methods): Miss P. Tuckett 1, F. Arscott 2, R. Watts 3, B. Chubb 4, E. Tyndale-Biscoe (cond.) 5, G. Fisher 6. For Patronal Festival.

Carlton Colville, Suffolk. - June 29, Doubles (St. Martin, St. Simon, Pl. Bob): Christine Gorrod 1, P. J. Gorrod (cond.) 2, P. G. Tovell 3, M. Davies 4, J. B. Gorrod 5. First in three methods by all except 5. For Patronal Festival of St. Peter.

Caversham, Berks.—June 28, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: H. E. Mitchell 1, Miss A. Osborne 2, D. J. Beaumont 3, S. Osborne 4, J. H. J. Mudd 5, R. T. Harris (cond.) 6. First in method 1, 2, For May Day Week.

Checkendon, Oxon.-March 29, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Jean Tull 1, Lucy Hearns 2, A. Grey 3, Carol Tull (cond.) 4, I. Judd 5, S. Franklin 6, W. Irving 7, G. Wickens 8.

Chesham, Bucks.-June 21, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Brenda A. Godfrey (first quarter) 1, J. Woolley 2, P. G. Badcock 3, H. C. Jones 4, C. J. Groome (cond.) 5, E. C. Hoar 6. For Even-

Chigwell, Essex. - June 14, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: J. A. Beldom 1, G. H. Walker 2, Leslie C. Tibbitts 3, J. Cronquist (first inside) 4, J. E. Murfitt (cond.) 5, P. D. Austin 6. Also June 28, 1260 P.B. Minor: J. E. Murfitt 1, Leslie C. Tibbitts 2, Margaret Chappell (first P.B. Minor inside) 3, Marion A. Cass 4, P. D. Austin 5, D. A. Tovell (cond.) 6.

Chinnor, Oxon. - June 20, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: M. Wright (first quarter) 1, Mrs. R. G. Hazell 2, G. Judge 3, Miss C. Baker 4, R. G. Hazell (cond.) 5, P. Wilkinson 6. A wedding compliment to Andrea Rose Clarke (grand-

daughter of Mr. W. Clarke, former tower captain) and Philip M. Moakes.

Chippenham, Wilts.—June 21, at St. Andrew's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Miss F. Benford 1, A. J. Cox 2, Mrs. J. Carey 3, I. Carey (first as cond., aged 12) 4, W. Cole 5, D. Carey 6, M. E. Stracey 7, E. Green 8. For Evensong, and for Chippenham "At Home" Week.

Chippenham, Wilts.-June 28, at St. Paul's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: I. Carey 1, M. E. Stracey 2, D. Carey 3, A. J. Cox 4, P. Stevens (first inside) 5, H. Fell 6, W. Page (cond.) 7, P. Fletcher (first on eight) 8. For Evensong, and for Chippenham "At Home" Week.
Chipping, Lancs.—June 20, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Pl. Bob): B. Maudsley 1, Dorothy M.

Maudsley 2, K. M. Price (cond.) 3, J. M. Ascroft 4, A. Capstick 5, P. Mackie 6.

Clavering, Essex.—July 3, 1440 P.B. Minor: A. Westwood 1, R. F. Prime 2, D. R. Hutley 3, P. Glazebrook 4, A. Richardson 5, W. Hunt (cond.) 6.

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Colchester, Essex. — June 7, at St. Peter's, 1280 Winchester S. Major: W. J. Brunt 1, Yvonne Towler 2, E. P. Duffield 3, H. J. Millatt (cond.) 4, A. R. Andrews 5, E. Davey 6, N. Avis 7, J. Towler 8. For Evensong. Also June 28, 1280 Christchurch S. Major: Vivienne Cross 1, 1280 Christophysical S. Major: Vivienne Christophysical S. Major: Vivienne Christophysical S. Major: Vivienne Christophysical S. Major: Vivienne Christophys Yvonne Towler 2, E. P. Duffield 3, N. Avis 4, A. R. Andrews 5, E. E. Davey 6, J. Towler 7, Millatt (cond.) 8. For Patronal Festival.

First touches in three methods by all.

Crofton, Yorks.—June 23, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Alison Child 1, R. A. Beresford 2, Rosamund M. Brown 3, J. J. Durham 4, A. M. Glover (first as cond.) 5, D. Tattershall (first

quarter) 6.

Dean Prior, Devon .- June 30, 1260 Plain Bob Minor: Geraldine French (first Minor) 1, Rev. P. Dowling 2, R. J. Edden 3, G. J. L. Read 4, Rev. Angold 5, T. Cullingworth (cond.) 6.

P. Angold S. F. Cullingworth (cond.) 6.
Deddington, Oxon.—June 21, 1260 Pl. Bob
Triples: Miss B. Ivings 1, W. F. Cowley 2, M.
W. Coleman 3, G. C. Clarke 4, W. Minnear 5,
W. Ivings 6, A. W. Ivings (cond.) 7, O. J.
Hemmings 8. For the 100th birthday of Miss

Downton, Wilts.—June 29, 1280 Bristol S. Major: J. Mussell 1, G. M. Brewin 2, A. T. Collins 3, N. O. Skelton (first in method) 4, L. A. Page (first in method) 5, Rev. R. Keeley 6, B. J. Woodruffe 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

East Dereham, Norfolk.-June 20, 1280 Rutland S. Major: D. G. Adams 1, Hilary Adcock 2, G. K. Terris 3, G. P. Adams 4, J. B. Morley (cond.) 5, J. Illingworth 6, K. S. Hohl 7, M. Cubitt 8. First in method 3, 5. For the Flower Festival.

Edgmond, Shropshire.—June 21, 1260 P.B. Doubles: R. Bull 1, Jill Eddowes 2, M. Turner 3, E. C. Morrall (cond.) 4, W. Bellerby 5, H. Nichols (first quarter) 6. For College Sunday. Barber (first away from cover) 1, Jill Eddowes Also June 28, 1260 Doubles (three m/v): (first in more than one method) 2, G. E. Morrall 3, E. C. Morrall 4, R. E. Morris (cond.) 5, H. Nichols 6. For Patronal Festival and clipping service.

Edinburgh.-June 27, at St. Mary's Cathedral, 1260 Doubles (Stedman, Plain Bob): Barbara rownhill 1, Jean Smith 2, Patricia Homfray 3, Kate Branson (cond.) 4, W. A. Walker 5, I. Laing 6. First quarter 1, 3. A compliment to Rt. Rev. C. Rodger (provost), consecrated Bishop of Manchester on June 24.

Egham, Surrey. — June 28, 1260 Stedman Triples: S. R. Elliott 1, Miss C. A. Elliott 2, I. Summerhayes 3, Mrs. J. Parsons 4, D. E. Parsons (cond.) 5, C. M. White 6, A. D. Flood 7, G. R. Tickner 8. For Magna Charta, the Patronal Festival and the civic service to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the present church.

Farmborough, Som.—June 28, 1260 Doubles (three methods): J. Maggs 1, Susan Willis 2, Janet Parker 3, M. Horseman (cond.) 4, R. Perry 5, J. Coombs 6. For Matins; also an engagement compliment to Tim Marshall (rector's son) and Margaret Wright, of Ashton-under-Lyne.

Farnham, Essex.—June 30, 1440 Minor (720 Oxford T.B., 720 Kent T.B.): D. Hutley 1, P. Warboys (cond.) 2, R. F. Prime 3, W. Hunt 4, T. Camp 5, A. Richardson 6.

Ford End, Essex. - June 20, 1260 Doubles (Grandsire, Plain Bob): D. S. Cheeseman 1, W. Hunt (cond.) 2, D. R. Hutley 3, H. W. Watts 4, A. Richardson 5, C. S. Smith 6. A 40th wedding anniversary compliment to tower captain C. S

Gedling, Notts .- June 27, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Miss S. Stevenson 1, J. Dawson 2, G. A. Dawson 3, J. R. Rigby (cond., 25th quarter) 4, P. R. Wild 5, R. Adey 6. For the opening of the

annual garden fete. Glaston, Rutland.--June 21, 1260 Plain Bob Doubles: Cynthia E. Barnett 1, R. J. Chantler 2, Diane Spencer (first quarter) 3, J. C. Hudson 4, R. N. Scholes (cond.) 5. For family service.

Gotham, Notts.-July 5, 1440 Doubles (three methods): S. Wood (first quarter) 1, J. R. A. Yates 2, A. Simpson 3, R. A. Metcalf 4, T. H. Kirkman (cond.) 5. For Sunday School festival.

Grimston, Norfolk. — July 1, 1260 Doubles (April Day, Pl. Bob, Grandsire): R. M. Ragsdell 1, Mrs. G. R. G. Butler 2, G. H. Campling (cond.) 3, P. G. Butler 4, G. R. G. Butler 5, P. W. Campling 6.

Guiseley, Yorks.-June 23, 1344 Spliced S. Major (24 methods): A. M. Glover 1, M. G. Dodson 2, R. A. Beresford 3, J. J. Durham 4, C. Forster 5, J. G. Rose 6, G. J. Jones 7, J. P. Ottaway 8.

Haddenham, Bucks.-July 3, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Hazel Baker (first Triples) 1, Jane M. Danson (first Triples inside) 2, Julie Tyler (first in method) 3, Anna K. Ingram 4, Christine Baker 5, A. D. Tyler 6, R. T. Corker (cond.) 7, E. F. Putt 8.

Hardwicke, Glos.—July 2, 1260 Doubles (five m/v): Miss J. Page 1, Miss P. Buckland 2, Miss J. Pillinger 3, R. J. Page (cond.) 4, M. N. Amphlett 5, E. Cribley 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Alec Howell, a friend and fellow ringer.

Hempsted, Glos. - July 5, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Jonathan Taylor (first quarter) 1, Mrs. J. M. Taylor 2, I. M. Taylor (cond.) 3, A. Gazey 4, J. Whiting 5, A. E. Taylor 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Mr. A. L. Thomas.

Henley, Suffolk.-June 28, 1260 Minor (720 Cambridge, 540 St. Clement's): Margaret Egglestone 1, Elizabeth A. Bowyer 2, H. W. Egglestone (cond.) 3, L. J. Parry 4, C. S. Bloomfield 5, R. C. Groom 6. By the local band for the Patronal

Hensingham, Cumb.-June 27, 1280 Pl. Bob Major: S. Richardson 1, J. E. Brown 2, D. T. Sım 3, Vera C. Bell 4, R. W. D. Wetenhall 5, H. F. Pettifer 6, A. Capstick 7, K. M. Price (cond.) To celebrate the 57th anniversary of the lay-

ing of the foundation stone of the local church.

Hessle, E. Yorks.—June 11, 1300 Plain and
Little Bob Minor: G. P. Horton 1, J. C. Hope 2, Gardiner 3, A. Hessey 4, R. H. Sharp 5, H. R. Horton (cond.) 6. For St. Barnabas Day. Hintlesham, Suffork.—June 17, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: T. J. Lockwood (first quarter, aged 12) 1. Mrs. Margaret Egglestone 2, Mrs. Winifred Lockwood 3, H. W. Egglestone 4, E. J. Lockwood 5, I. J. Lockwood (tirst as cond., aged 14) 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Rev. J. R. H. Clayton (rector).

Hoddesdon, Herts.—June 30, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Gillian Stockwell 1, R. C. Upton 2, J. C. King 3, D. Clarke 4, H. L. Horder (cond.) 5, Monk 6. Half-muffled in memoriam William Mumford, 50 years a local ringer, interred this day.

Holloway, London.—May 10, 1260 Grandsire Triples: Diana Triplow (first Triples) 1, Doreen Triples: Diana Triplow (first Triples) 1, Doreen A. Mayhew 2, K. J. Triplow 3, K. R. Tompsett 4, P. Norman 5, A. Turner (cond.) 6, J. Euston 7, F. Akers 8. Also May 17, 1260 Minor (Kent T.B., Pl. Bob): Susan E. Shaw 1, K. J. Triplow 2, K. R. Tompsett 3, P. Norman 4, R. D. Bing 5, M. Wycherley (cond.) 6. Both for evening prayer. Horsham, Sussex.—June 21, 1280 P.B. Major:

G. Fox (cond.) 1, E. Rapley 2, R. Verrall 3, C. Longhurst 4, Mrs. J. Rose 5, S. R. Pocock (tirst Major) 6, J. Smith 7, M. Heed 8. A farewell to Gordon Smith, who preached the sermon at Evensong, and a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Rose.

Hose, Leics.—July 1, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: Karen French 1, Mrs. D. A. Day 2, H. T. Bonshor (cond.) 3, J. R. Ward 4, A. French 5. First in-side 4, 5. For the Framland Society.

Hughenden, Bucks.-June 14, 1260 Grandsire Triples: R. Craig (first quarter, aged 11) 1, D. A. Cornwall 2, A. R. Blaby 3, Meryl Kennedy 4, R. H. Newton 5, R. Biggs 6, P. Newton (cond.) 7, A. Newton 8.

Hunslet, Yorks. — June 25, 1260 Stedman Triples: Gillian R. Cleaver 1, Rosamund M. Brown 2, J. P. Ottaway 3, M. L. J. Rollason 4, J. J. Durham 5, G. J. Jones 6, C. Forster (cond.) 7, M. G. Dodson 8. First in method 1, 2, 4, 6

Langdon Hills, Essex .- June 28, 1280 Doubles (seven methods): Eleanor Clems (first on tower bells) 1, Janice Manterfield (most methods inside) 2, G. Lucas (cond., 50th on the bells) 3, K. Lucas 4, S. D. Stott 5, W. White 6.

Langdon Hills, Essex .- July 5, 1280 Doubles (six methods): S. Day (first quarter) 1, Janice Manterfield 2, S. Clarke 3, K. Lucas 4, G. Lucas (cond.) 5, W. White 6. For Confirmation service.

Laughton, Sussex .- June 29, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Cull 1, Mary Thorpe 2, J. E. Baker 3, R. R. Kennard (cond.) 4, D. Thorpe 5, Sir Walter Scott (first quarter) 6. A 65th birthday compliment to J. E. Baker, over 50 years a ringer at Chiddingly.

Lea, Lincs .- July 5, 1260 Pl. Bob Minor: M. Rose (cond.) 1, Janet Bull 2, D. Arrand 3, J. Selby 4, S. Selby 5, B. Bull 6. Half-muffled in memoriam Annie Hudson, aged 82, died July 2.

Leckhampton, Glos .- June 28, 1260 Grandsire Triples: B. H. Taylor 1, Clare Taylor 2, R. Webb (first inside) 3, Margaret Manby 4, Helen Taylor 5, H. Read 6, E. J. Taylor (cond.) 7, A. J. Newman 8. For Patronal Festival; also a farewell to Margaret Manby.

London, E.C. - June 28, at St. Olave's, Hart Street, 1264 Bob Major: W. A. Theobald (cond.) 1, Nancy J. Lewis (first quarter) 2, Linda J. West

1, Nancy J. Lewis (first quarter) 2, Linca J. West (first Bob Major) 3, W. A. Hughes 4, A. Cuthbert 5, A. S. Baker 6, R. Brown 7, R. Hunt 8.

Longwood, Yorks.—May 24, 1320 T.B. Minor (Trinity Sunday, Killamarsh): A. Lunn 1, S. Williams 2, S. Lunn 3, D. Williams 4, B. Ellis (cond.) 5, I. Roberts 6. For the Feast of the Trinity, and to welcome the members of the Central Council to Yorkshire. Also June 29, 1320 Spliced Surprise Minor (Rossendale and Stamford, Lightfoot and Wearmouth), by the same band. For the Feast of St. Peter; also to mark the birth of a daughter to Lawrence and Judith Tehh

Lydney, Glos.-July 5, 1260 mixed Doubles (three methods): J. Long 1, R. Hume 2, R. Philpott 3, D. Townsend 4, M. Rice 5, R. Betterton 6. Conducted by 1, 2, 3. One method each. Most methods in a quarter 2, 4 and 6.

Market Weighton, E. Yorks.—June 28, 1260 Plain and Little Bob Minor: I. Peacock 1, P. Carpenter 2, Elsie Chaddock 3, R. East 4, A. Kneeshaw 5, N. Chaddock (cond.) 6. To mark the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Susan Johnson (nee Chaddock) this day, a first grandchild for Elsie and Norman.

Marston, Oxon. — May 31, 1260 St. Simon's Doubles: Miss H. E. McGowan 1, C. Smith 2, R. H. Jones 3, I. M. M. O'Reilly (first in method) 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5.

Nazeing, Essex. - June 21, 1260 Grandsire Miss S. Jaikins (first quarter) 1, Miss B. Peacock 2, B. Burton (cond.) 3, C. Sams 4, R. G. Seymour 5, A. Peacock 6. First Grandsire Doubles 1, 2, 5. A compliment to the conductor on completing 50 years as a bellringer.

Northenden, Manchester. — June 28, 1320 Doubles (11 methods): P. A. Sidwell 1, P. Boucher 2, P. Dyson 3, P. G. Bellamy-Knights 4, W. Birmingham, jun. (first as cond.) 5, P. C. Ferguson (first quarter) 6. Most methods for all.

North Muskham, Notts .- July 4, 1260 Grand-North Muskham, Notts.—July 4, 1200 Grandsire Doubles: R. W. Midwinter (first quarter, aged 13) 1, P. Raithby 2, Margaret E. Snyder (cond.) 3, J. W. Raithby 4, F. W. Midwinter 5, A. E. Chilton 6. Rung following the wedding of Dianne Constance and Malcolm Peet.

Norton-in-Hales, Salop.—June 17, 1264 P.B. Major: Wendy Tyler 1, T. White 2, H. F. White 3, R. Hazeldine 4, T. Price 5, A. M. Hickman 6, W. H. Tyler (cond.) 7, S. J. Hughes 8. By ringers from Market Drayton. First quarter on the eight since restoration.

Ormskirk, Lancs.-July 5, 1260 Bob Triples: J. Dilworth 1, E. Ashcroft 2, J. McKee 3, John Dilworth 4, C. Tough 5, M. Snape 6, J. Richardson (first as cond.) 7, H. Robinson 8. For Sunday School anniversary; also a farewell compliment to ringer of 5th.

Paul, Cornwall.—June 21, 1260 P.B. Minor: R. Diane Carter 1, Mrs. M. I. Foskett 2, S. Foskett 3, J. J. George 4, F. M. Bowers 5, W. R. Curtis 6. For Evensong; also to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the west front and bells of Truro Cathedral.

Plymouth, Devon.—May 31, at St. Andrew's, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. R. Barker 1, D. R. Bould 2, A. N. Frost 3, A. W. Myers 4, G. E. Mudge 5, N. Mallett 6, J. N. Langridge (cond.) 7, C. P. York 8.

Portsmouth, Hants.—July 5, at the Cathedral, 1260 Doubles (three methods): A. Hoodless 1. Mrs. Edna Jones 2, Jean Berriman 3, A. A. Buswell 4, M. E. Cass (cond.) 5. For Evensong.

Quatt, Salop.-June 27, 1260 P.B. Doubles: Daphne J. Jennings (first quarter) 1, M. P. Tobin (cond.) 2, M. Irene Brown 3, C. W. Cooper 4, M. D. Fellows 5, P. J. Brown 6.

Quorn, Leics.-June 28, 1260 Doubles (Plain Bob, April Day): Maureen Clulow 1, B. S. Payne (cond.) 2, N. Green (first inside) 3, D. L. Alderton 4, C. J. Mobbs 5, Janois Barlow 6. To mark the retirement of Miss M. E. Sawdon from the post of headmistress of the Rawlins School, Quorn.

Radlett, Herts.-June 21, 1260 Bob Minor: C. Oakesmonger (first quarter) 1, B. J. McDowell (first quarter) 2, Lynne Woodward 3, D. Major 4, Alice M. Talbot-Ponsonby 5, Rev. A. Talbot-Ponsonby (first as cond.) 6. For the first Evensong of St. Alban.

Rampisham, Dorset.-June 29, 1260 Doubles (29 m/v): D. B. Ellery 1, I. Calvert 2, Helen Haines 3, M. J. Hiller (cond.) 4, R. Haines 5. First in 29 m/v for all. For St. Peter's Day.

Ringwood, Hants.-June 20, 1260 Grandsire Triples: M. Parsons (first quarter) Truscott (first quarter inside) 2, D. Collins 3, S. G. Walker 4, W. E. Cheater (cond.) 5, D. G. Andrews 6, F. E. Collins 7, E. J. Whitfield 8.

Romsey Abbey, Hants. — May 9, 1280 Kent T.B. Major: R. S. Parratt (first Major) 1, Jane E. Dando 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, I. H. Trueman F. Dando 2, Barbara Mitchell 3, I. H. Trueman 4, D. R. Fallick (first Major) 5, M. G. Palmer (first Kent) 6, D. J. Forder 7, L. A. Tremeer (first Kent Major as cond.) 8. To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the liberation of the Channel Islands.

Royston, Yorks.—July 2, 1260 Doubles (720 Grandsire, 540 Plain Bob): Roselyn Corby 1, R. Cater 2, A. Dunn-Birch 3, D. G. Scourfield 4, R. G. Corby (cond.) 5, M. Washington 6.

Ruddington, Notts.—June 23, 1296 Cambridge Surprise Minor: D. K. Walsh (first quarter away from cover) 1, H. Geoffrey Wells 2, Joan Carter 3, Elizabeth J. Dawson 4, T. H. Kirkman 5, G. A. Dawson (cond.) 6. A silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Walsh, parents of the treble ringer.

St. Albans, Herts.—June 26, at St. Michael's, 1264 P.B. Major: F. Kirk 1, Elizabeth Byrne 2, Jill A. Laud 3, S. J. Laud 4, D. R. Bell 5, W. J. Arnold 6, R. G. Bell 7, A. C. D. Mayes (cond.) 8. For the induction as vicar at St. Michael's of Rev. J. G. Downward.

Sapcote, Leics.-May 17, 1440 Spliced Surprise Minor (eight methods): Alison Butterfield 1, N. W. Harvey 2, L. Watkins 3, B. L. Burrows 4, J. Watkins 5, M. E. Brown (cond.) 6. The last ring on the bells before work commenced on the upstairs ringing room and augmentation to eight.

Shrewsbury, Salop.—June 21, at St. Chad's, 1504 P.B. Major: Mrs. E. F. Willcox 1, Mrs. E. R. Fairbrother 2, Mrs. F. Beech 3, Mrs. R. E. Stevens 4, E. F. Willcox 5, E. R. Fairbrother 6, F. Beech 7, R. C. Stevens (cond.) 8. Four wives and husbands! For Evensong.

Shrewsbury, Salop.—At St. Mary's, 1296 P.B. Caters: D. V. Smith 1, I. Friend 2, Vivien Bennett 3, Patricia C. Stocken 4, R. H. Newton 5, A. E. G. Owen 6, L. D. K. Roberts 7, C. T. Collins 8, P. J. Evans (cond.) 9, J. A. Crum 10. For Evensona.

For Evensong.

Sibsey, Lincs. — June 8, 1260 Grandsire
Triples: T. Cummins 1, W. B. Dawson 2, H.
Barsley 3, A. E. Flatters 4, G. Flatters 5, W. E.
Clarke 6, P. H. Reynolds (cond.) 7, S. Johnson
8. A birthday compliment to T. Cummins.
South Normanton, Derbys. — June 15, 1440
T.B. Minor (two methods): R. Mewes 1, D. Bradley (cond.) 2, Mrs. M. Brown 3, F. Bradley 4,
K. Hemm 5, A. E. Wheeler 6. Birthday compliment to ringer of 3rd

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Sprotborough, Yorks.—June 28, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: Barbara Mayman 1, E. Short (father) 2. J. Laughton 3, Joyce Laidlaw (sister) 4, C. Toyne (cond.) 5. N. Cowell 6, Susan Laidlaw (niece) 7, Irena Royston 8. First Triples by local band. In memoriam Geoffrey Short, member of local band and of Inverness Cathedral.

Stansted, Essex. — June 19, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: D. J. Cheeseman 1, H. W. Watts 2, A. Dixson (first quarter inside) 3, D. R. Hutley 4, A. Richardson (cond.) 5, J. R. Holman 6.

Stanwell, Middx.—June 8, 1320 Cambridge S. Minor: Miss D. J. Perryman 1, S. R. Elliott 2, M. G. Lane 3, M. S. Loveday 4, C. H. Rogers 5, F. T. Blagrove (cond.) 6. A welcome to Rev. R. Macklin on his induction.

Stapleford, Cambs.—June 27, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: A. Kellock (first quarter away from cover) 1, R. I. West (first in method as cond.) 2, Jean F. West 3, M. R. Kitson (first in method) 4, S. C. Hopkins (first in method) 5, J. Bates 6. Steeple Ashton, Wilts.—July 4, 1260 Doubles (five methods): Susan Willis 1, Helen Kirkpatrick 2, M. Horseman (cond.) 3, J. Maggs 4, R. Smith 5, B. Goodliffe 6.

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Stratford-on-Avon, Warks.—June 28, 1260 Pl. Bob Royal: A. J. Print 1, A. Borland 2, M. Reed 3, I. Barclay 4, R. C. Chapman 5, G. J. Hemming 5, F. C. Lyne 7, R. M. Andrews 8, C. R. Steed 9, J. L. Findon (cond.) 10. First quarter of Royal by all except 6, 7 and 9. For Evensong.

Streatley. Berks.—July 6, 1260 P.B. Minor: G. W. Judd 1, Carol N. J. Tull 2, A. J. Carpenter 3, W. J. Irving 4, I. G. Judd 5, D. Taylor (cond.) 6. First Minor 2, 4. For the Patronal Festival, and a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Carpenter on the birth of a daughter (Geraldine Stratford-on-Avon, Warks .- June 28, 1260 Pl.

Carpenter on the birth of a daughter (Geraldine

Stroud, Glos.—July 5, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Cantor 1, F. Garland 2, N. Martin 3, T. Witt (cond.) 4, T. Pritchard 5, R. Cornock 6, M. Ashby 7, L. Martin 8. Half-muffled in memoriam Alex Harwell.

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Peals

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSN.

BATHWICK, Bath, Som, St. Mary the Virgin.

Sat., May 23, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (19½ cwt.) **5024 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR** Composed by N. Smith.

Ronald G. Beck 2 Peter J. England

3 George W. Massey (Conductor) 4 Peter J. W. Hardwick

5 Philip H. D. Jones 6 Roy W. Rice 7 Walter S. Rice

8 David G. Massey

A thanksgiving for the life and ministry of the Rev. J. G. Rowe, rector 1963-70.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD, St. Paul.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (29 cwt.) **5007 STEDMAN CATERS**

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Stephen Ivin (Conductor)

*2 Linda Fleming

*3 Charlotte M. Harris

*4 Martin Major 5 Anthony H. Smith

*6 David R. Saunderson 7 Robert L. Piron

*8 Edgar T. Skipsey 9 C. Michael Orme

10 Keith H. Fleming

*First of Stedman Caters.

BEVERLEY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY (Yorkshire Association)

YORK, Institute of Architectural Studies. Sun., June 14, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (9 cwt.) **5040 SURPRISE MINOR**

extent York, 6 Cambridge.)

1 Ronald Ducker

*2 Keith Gatman 3 David Potter

†4 Maris C. Stephenson †5 Roderick R. Horton

6 Ian G. Campbell (Conductor)

*First of Surprise. †50th of Surprise. ‡25th peal. 18th birthday compliment to R. R. Horton.

HEDON, E. Yorkshire, St. Augustine.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 59min. (17 cwt.)

5056 PLAIN BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. R. Pritchard. Roderick R. Horton (Conductor)

*2 Ronald Ducker

Maris C. Stephenson

†4 Keith Gatman ‡5 Clive W. Templeton

6 John Brook

John R. Ridley

8 Ian G. Campbell

*Has circled the tower. †First on 8. ‡First peal. First as conductor.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

WISTASTON, Cheshire, St. Mary.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (6 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Kent T.B., 5 Plain Bob). 1 Gordon K. Green 2 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)

*3 Peter Wilkinson 4 Harry W. Howard *5 Paul Maddock

6 A. Doreen Edwards
*First of 2 Minor. Fully muffled in memoriam Reginald W. Worrall, of Hartford.

HOPE BOWDLER, Shropshire, St. Andrew.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 37min. (9½ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (2 Rev. Canterbury, 1 Kent T.B., 4 Plain Bob).

1 Gordon K. Green *2 Geoffrey A. Edwards

3 A. Doreen Edwards 4 Edward V. Rodenhurst

†5 Paul Maddock

*6 Frank R. Morton (Conductor)
*250th together. †First 3 Minor. The conductor's 50th different tenor for a peal.

DERBY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STANTON-BY-DALE, Derbyshire, St. Michael and All Angels.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (11\(\frac{1}{2}\) cwt.) 5040 SURPRISE MINOR (11 methods: Bourne, Ipswich, York and Durham, Cambridge and Primrose, London and Wells, Beverley and Surfleet, Norwich).

1 Susan M. Dutton

Nora Carlisle

3 Joyce Chadwick 4 Thomas W. Dutton

5 Denis R. Carlisle

6 John V. Chadwick (Conductor)

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

MELDRETH, Cambs, Holy Trinity.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 56min. (11 cwt.) 5376 MELDRETH SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by S. Jenner. Georgina C. M. Carter Donald F. Murfet

3 Allen Twyman

4 Alan M. Barber (Conductor) 5 David R. Saunderson

6 John G. Gipson 7 Geoffrey A. Lucas

8 Jack S. Dear

First peal in the method.

MELDRETH SURPRISE MAJOR **—58—16—12—16—14—3458—34—18.** l.h.c. f.c.h. B.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION

HUTTON, Essex, All Saints.

Sat., June 27, 1970. (7 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (3 extents Grandsire, April Day, Rev. Canterbury, St. Martin, 14 Plain Bob, 6 All Saints).

1 C. E. Hill 2 J. J. Wallett (Conductor)

*3 P. J. Tyler-Maggs 4 W. T. Hill

5 R. G. Jones

*First peal.

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COLCHESTER, Essex, St. Peter.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (214 cwt.) 5152 NORTHILL SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

H. J. Millatt (Conductor)

Yvonne Towler

3 E. P. Duffield 4 W. Arnold 5 N. Avis

6 E. E. Davey 7 J. Towler

8 G. W. Pipe
First in the method by all and for the association. For St. Peter's Day.

WALTHAM ABBEY, Essex, The Holy Cross and St. Lawrence.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (38½ cwt.) 5007 STEDMAN CINQUES Composed by R. E. J. Dennis.

Jean F. Woolford 2 Katherine J. Maundrell

Ann M. Tubbs John R. Pratchett

5 Gwilym Salmon

6 Frank L. Harris (Conductor) Michael J. Best

John Hartless

9 Richard H. Youdale 10 Philip N. Tubbs 11 Edward J. Chivers 12 James A. D. Woolford

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

STONE, Gloucestershire, All Saints.

Sun., April 26, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (7½ cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (14 extents Antelope, Grandsire and Plain Bob).

*1 Sally A. Gifford 2 William F. Scudamore (Conductor) 3 Graham G. C. Minors

4 Keith W. Scudamore

5 Henry Taysom
6 Jane M. Scudamore
First peal. A birthday compliment to Richard Minors (grandson of the vicar).

STRATTON ST, MARGARET, Wilts, St. Margaret of Antioch.

Fri., July 3, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (81 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (10 methods: 960 London and Rutland, 576 Superlative, 448 Bristol, 384 each of Cam-Yorkshire and 192 Cray, with 147 changes of method).

Arranged by Anthony R. Peake.

1 Lewis W. Cobb

*2 Anita D. O'Brien

*3 W. Bertram Kynaston

*4 Peter J. Heritage 5 Timothy G. Pett 6 Maurice A. New

7 Brian Bladon

8 Anthony R. Peake (Conductor) *First of Major in ten methods. To cele-brate the birth of a daughter (Jennifer Lesley) to Pauline and Gordon Land.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

GREAT HORMEAD, Herts, St. Nicholas. Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (13 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents: 2 Kent T.B., 2 St. Clements, 3 Plain Bob),

Roy Hornby

*2 Edward Willitt 3 Peter Glazebrook

4 Brian Foley
5 Peter Warboys (Conductor)

6 Richard F. Prime

*First peal.

ELMDON, Essex, St. Nicholas.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 45min. ($10\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 extent Oxford T.B., 2 Kent T.B., St. Clements and Plain Bob).

Douglas Hutley

Kenneth Westwood 3 Peter Glazebrook

4 Leonard Luck 5 Albert Richardson

6 Walter Hunt (Conductor)

ST. IPPOLYTS, Herts, St. Ippolyts.

Tues., June 30, 1970, 2hr. 49mins. (123 cwt.) Oxford T.B., Cambridge and Plain Bob).

*1 Jacqueline Saker

†2 Cecile Forgan

3 Alan J. Boyd A. Rex Agg 5 Trevor Groom

†6 Peter J. Cranfield (Conductor)
*First peal. †First of Minor and first in four methods. A farewell to Jacqueline Saker, leaving the district.

BUSHEY, Herts, St. James.

Thur., July 2, 1970, 2hr. 46min. (12 cwt.) 5088 DOUBLE NORWICH C.B. MAJOR

Composed by C. W. Woolley.

Sara K. D. Woolley

2 Elsie K. Hart *3 Anne E. Thompson

* Andrew C, D. Mayes

* John R. Southey

7 Christopher W. Woolley (Conductor)

8 David A. Carpenter *First of Double Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ERITH, Kent, St. John the Baptist.

Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (15 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's variation.)

1 Frederick J. Cullum 2 Arthur G. Mason

3 Christopher T. Osenton (Conductor) 4 Herbert E. Audsley

Trevor A. Cross Roland T. Wakefield Peter S. Muchlinski

8 Thomas W. Blewitt

ELTHAM, London, S.E., St. John the Baptist.

Wed., July 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (10\frac{3}{2} cwt.)
5056 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. H. Hattersley.
1 Frederick J. Cullum (Conductor)

2 Tony Lewis
3 Arthur G. Mason
4 Michael H. O'Callaghan
5 Margaret E. Oram

6 Ian H. Oram 7 Herbert E. Audsley

8 Alfred J. House
For the visit of H.M. the Queen to Eltham Palace for the 50th anniversary of the Royal Army Educational Corps.

CITY OF LONDON, E.C., St. Lawrence, Jewry.

Sun., July 5, 1970, 3hr. 25min. (25 cwt.) 5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR

Adapted from C. Starbuck. Barnabas G. Key

Derek J. Carr 3 Tony Skilton 4 James Hedgcock

5 Peter J. Heritage 6 Alan D. Flood 7 Peter S. Muchlinski

8 John Pladdys (Conductor)

LEEDS UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

END OF TERM PEALS

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald,

Thur., June 18, 1970, 2hr. 33min. (7½ cwt.) 5120 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (5 methods: 1216 Cambridge, 1120 Rutland, 1056 Lincolnshire, 864 each Superlative and Yorkshire, with 85 changes of method and all the work).

Composed by P. G. K. Davies.

1 Alison Child

2 John J. Durham

3 Rosamund M. Brown *4 Gillian R. Cleaver 5 Graham J. Jones 6 Jonathan G. Rose 7 John P. Ottaway

8 Christopher Forster (Conductor)
*First of spliced. First of "5 all the work"
by all and for the society. 21st birthday
compliment to Pattie Clapham and Robert Beresford.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Mon., June 22, 1970, 3hr. 36min. (42 cwt.)

5008 LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS Composed by C. Forster.

1 Philip J. Crossthwaite *2 Elizabeth J. Campbell *3 Gillian R. Cleaver

*4 Alison Child 5 Rosamund M. Brown

†6 Jonathan G. Rose

7 Graham J. Jones 8 Michael G. Dodson 9 John P. Ottaway

10 Christopher Forster (Conductor) 11 John J. Durham

12 Robert A. Beresford
*First on 12. †First of Maximus. 12 as conductor. First of Little Bob Maximus by all. First on 12 for the society.

FELKIRK, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Wed., June 24, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (10 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (5 methods: 2 Plain Bob, Kent T.B.; 1 Cambridge S., Norwich S. and St. Clements).

1 Jonathan G. Rose *2 J. Crawford Allen 3 Rosamund M. Brown

4 Christopher Forster

5 Alan M. Glover 6 John P. Ottaway (Conductor)

*Most methods. Wedding compliment to Christopher Ottaway and Christine Neville.

BIRSTWITH, Yorkshire, St. James.

Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (111cwt.) 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods: 192 Ashtead, Bilsborrow, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Double Dublin, Crewkerne, Dorchester, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ips-wich, Jersey, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 161 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith. Gillian R. Cleaver

2 Robert A. Beresford *3 Michael G. Dodson

4 John J. Durham 5 Christopher Forster (Conductor) *6 Jonathan G. Rose

*7 Graham J. Jones *8 John P. Ottaway

*First of 27-spliced. Most methods as conductor.

"I've a grand memory for forgetting." -Robert Louis Stevenson.

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

LEICESTER, Cathedral Church of St. Martin.

Mon., June 22, 1970, 3hr. 22min. (25 cwt.) **5042 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAXIMUS** Arranged by S. Ivin.

1 Peter J. Staniforth

2 Murray A. Coleman 3 Robert B. Smith

4 Martin Green
5 Jack P. Kesterton
*6 Burley P. Morris
†7 Dennis R. Carlisle
8 Derek Tranter

9 Basil Jones

10 Herrick B. Bowley (Conductor)

11 E. Alan Jacques 12 William J. Root

*First Yorkshire Maximus †First Maximus.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (6½ cwt.)

5120 PLAIN BOB MAJOR Arranged by C. J. Mobbs.

G. Ronald Edwards

2 William A. Thow 3 Peter W. Brown 4 Hilary F. Watson-Walker

5 Stephen B. Bell

*6 David J. Smith
7 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor)
8 Clive J. Mobbs
*First of Major 21st birthday compliment to Mrs. Margaret Robson and an 87th birthday compliment to Mrs. R. E. Barnett.

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry. Tues., June 30, 1970, 2hr. 30min. $(6\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$

5024 KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR

Composed by J. Thorp.

1 Richard J. Clifton

2 Arthur E. Rowley 3 Frank Chambers *4 Roger I. Kendrick

5 G. Ronald Edwards

†6 Alec R. Jones 7 John W. Rawson

8 B. Stedman Payne (Conductor) *First of Kent. †First of Kent Major. 35th wedding anniversary compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rawson

LOUGHBOROUGH, Leics, Bell Foundry.

Fri., July 3, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (6½ cwt.) **5008 PLAIN BOB MAJOR**

Arranged by R. N. Scholes.

G. Ronald Edwards

2 Clive J. Mobb.3 Hilary F. Watson-Walker

Elizabeth M. Barber 5 Peter W. Brown

6 William A. Thow 7 Roger N. Scholes (Conductor) 8 Jonathan P. O. Barry

A farewell to Elizabeth M. Barber, also a compliment to Jonathan Barry on his honours degree.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

NASH, Monmouthshire, St. Mary.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (8 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents in 4 methods: Oxford T.B., Cambridge, Kent T.B., Cambridge, Oxford T.B., Plain Bob, Cambridge).

1 Paul A. Williams

2 R. Mark Esbester

3 Peter N. Chambers

4 Andrew W. E. Bainham

5 Michael R. Meadows

6 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

MARSHFIELD, Mon, St. Mary the Virgin.

Fri., June 12, 1970, 2hr. 41min. (11 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (9 methods: 576 Ashtead, Cambridge, Lincoln-shire, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative and Yorkshire, 448 Bristol, 136 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

1 R. Mark Esbester 2 James Clatworthy

3 Paul A. Williams 4 Tudor P. Edwards 5 Peter C. Randall

6 Nicholas W. H. Simon 7 Michael R. Meadows

8 Peter S. Bennett (Conductor)

LEOMINSTER, Herefordshire, SS. Peter and Paul.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 2hr. 55min. (23 cwt.) 5040 LONDON SURPRISE ROYAL (No. 3 version.)

Composed by C. K. Lewis.

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1 Peter G. Brown

*2 Josephine A. Brown

3 Tudor P. Edwards

4 Charles P. Quartley

5 David E. Rothera

*6 Keith W. Brown

7 Peter S. Bennett

8 John H. Fielden (Conductor)

9 Kenneth I. Hesketh

9 Kenneth J. Hesketh 10 Philip J. Rothera *First of London Royal.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints.

Sat., May 2, 1970, 3 hr. $(16\frac{1}{2} \text{ cwt.})$ **5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS**

Composed by J. Carter.
*1 David Woodward, Jun. Steward

2 Alan R. Patterson, Sen. Steward 3 Deborah Bishop, Asst. Sec.

4 Veronica E. Dupré, Trustee
5 G. William Shanks, C.C. Rep.
6 C. Montagu Meyer, Past Master
7 A. S. Bishop, Trustee
8 Wilfrid G. Wilson (Con.), Hon. Treas.
9 Harold W. Rogers, Past Master
10 John H. Lott, Asst. Sec.

*First peal.

ISLEWORTH, Middlesex, All Saints.

Wed., July 1, 1970, 2hr. 48min. (161 cwt.) 5040 LINCOLNSHIRE S. ROYAL Arranged by Gerald Penney.

John R. Ketteringham 2 Christine M. Carter 3 Eric Edmondson

4 Joyce M. Clarke 5 David C. Brown 6 Peter H. Mackie

7 Alan D. Flood

8 Gerald Penney (Conductor)

*9 Anthony R. Carter
10 Harold W. Rogers
*100th tower bell peal. First of Royal in the method by all except the tenor ringer.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD

HARROW WEALD, Middx, All Saints. Thur., June 25, 1970, 2hr. 50min. (74 cwt.)

5024 ZENNOR SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley.

John Smith

2 Elsie K. Hart 3 Ruth M. Foreman

4 Claudia A. Critchley

5 H. George Hart 6 G. William Critchley (Conductor)

Frank Reed 8 Thomas J. Lock

First in method by all except tenor ringer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

DORCHESTER, Oxon, SS. Peter & Paul. Sun., June 14, 1970, 3hr. 6min. (16 cwt.)
5152 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (23
methods: 224 Ashtead, Bristol, Cambridge,
Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Double Dublin,
Glasgow, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincolnshire,
Lindum, London, Preston, Pudsey, Rutland,
Superlative, Tavistock, Uxbridge, Watford,
Wembley, Whalley and Yorkshire, with 160
changes of method and all the work)

changes of method and all the work). Composed by N. Smith.

1 Christopher I. Rowson

2 Beryl R. Simpson

3 Brian Bladon

4 Timothy G. Pett (Conductor) 5 W. John Couperthwaite

6 Michael J. Church 7 James R. Taylor 8 Noel J. Diserens

HUGHENDEN, Bucks, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 54min. (15 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (2688 Cambridge, 2368 Yorkshire, with changes of method).

Arranged by N. Smith. 1 Robert H. Newton (Conductor)

*2 Arthur Newton

*3 Joyce I. Cornwall
4 Sydney M. Bailey
5 Roland Biggs

*6 Derek Francis †7 Percy Newton 8 David A. Cornwall

*First of spliced. †200th peal. First in more than one method as conductor. For Flower Festival and Fete.

KIRTLINGTON, Oxon, St. Mary.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 1min. (16½ cwt.) 5056 ZELAH SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. Middleton.

*1 Christopher Hims

Alan R. Pink (Conductor)

3 Edgar J. Smith *4 Ronald K. Russ 5 Martyn Hawkes *6 Peter J. Heritage 7 Michael Hatchett 8 Geoffrey R. Drew

*First in the method. For the wedding of Michael E. J. Appleton and Audrey B. Wyatt.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM

BIRMINGHAM, St. Martin.

Tues., June 23, 1970, 3hr. 30min. (37 cwt.)

5042 CAMBRIDGE S. MAXIMUS Composed by R. W. Pipe.

George E. Fearn

2 James Insley 3 Norman J. Goodman 4 Richard J. Tibbetts

5 Vernon Green
6 Arthur V. Pearson
7 Stephen W. Barton
8 Terry R. Hampton

9 Roderick W. Pipe 10 Maurice F. Edwards 11 Peter Border (Conductor)

12 Clifford A. Barron farewell to Canon Bryan Green, B.D., D.D., rector of St. Martin's for 21 years.

The best doctors in the world are Doctor Diet, Dr. Quiet and Doctor Merryman.— Dean Swift.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

GT. YARMOUTH, Norfolk, St. Nicholas. Sat., June 27, 1970, 3hr. 23min. (30½ cwt.) 5016 PLAIN BOB MAXIMUS

Stanley M. Ruddlesden

2 J. Malcolm Tyler3 Edward C. Buckby

4 Denby P. Murduck 5 Barry R. Care 6 John G. Mitchell 7 Brian R. Danby 8 Alan J. Marks

9 Eric Billings 10 Raymond H. Daw

11 Richard J. Cowley
12 Murray A. Coleman (Conductor) First of Maximus for all except 7 and 12. First of Plain Bob Maximus for the Guild.

DAVENTRY, Northants, Holy Cross.

Sun., June 28, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (18\(\frac{3}{2}\) cwt.) 5040 BRISTOL SURPRISE ROYAL

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff.

1 Christopher C. Stokes

2 Patrick I. Chapman

3 Roger W. Smith

4 Shirley E. Ruddlesden

5 Graham C. Paul

6 Malcolm J. V. Chown

7 Barry F. Saunders

7 Barry E. Saunders 8 Alan A. Paul 9 Barrie Hendry

10 Richard F. B. Speed (Conductor)

SOUTHWELL DIOCESAN GUILD GRANBY, Notts, All Saints.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr 40min. (13 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB DOUBLES

1 David W. Flower *†2 Anthony A. Boden ‡3 Nicholas E. Green

*4 Susan M. O'Neill (Conductor) 5 Peter L. R. Hayward (Conductor)
First of Bob Doubles. †First inside.
‡First peal. Birthday compliment to Michael Flower and Peter L. R. Hayward.

STURTON-LE-STEEPLE, Notts, SS. Peter and Paul.

Thur., July 2, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (11 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (7 extents, 9 methods: St. Clements, Childwall, Buxton, Oxford T.B., Kent T.B., Oxford Bob, Rotherslade, Nicholaston and Plain Bob).

Harold Denman

2 Peter L. R. Hayward 3 Mary C. Poyner 4 Ernest Preston

5 Paul N. Mounsey (Conductor)

6 George A. Dawson Rung as part of the "Mayflower" celebra-

WOODBOROUGH, Notts, St. Swithun.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 20min. (9 cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINIMUS

*1 Joan Carter 2 David W. Flower †3 Anthony A. Boden

4 Peter L. R. Hayward

Conducted jointly by all.
*First of Minimus. †First of Minimus inside. For Woodborough Festival.

STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY

PENN, Staffs, St. Bartholomew.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (10 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN TRIPLES (Heywood's variation.)

Gerald Bowen Philip R. Johnson

3 John A. Roden 4 E. Marion Key

5 Cyril Griffiths 6 Leslie Smith

7 Barnabas G. Key (Conductor) 8 David Hawksworth

A wedding compliment to Gordon Griffiths (of the local company) and Patricia Cart-

LILLESHALL, Salop, St. Michael and All Angels.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (9 cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES

(42 extents, 15 callings.)
*1 Gerald Bowen

2 E. Marion Key *3 Leslie Smith

4 Barnabas G. Key
*5 Alfred W. Glazzard
*6 Peter J. Key (Conductor)

*First Stedman Doubles. For the Flower Festival, part of the church's 1,300th anniversary celebrations.

SUFFOLK GUILD

(The Bramford Company) HIGHAM, Suffolk, St. Mary.

Tues., June 23, 1970, 2hr. 31min. (9 cwt.) 5040 MINOR (1 extent Single Oxford, Rev. Canterbury, St. Clements, Double Oxford, 3 extents Plain Bob).

1 Bryan R. C. Crouch *2 James P. F. W. Hollins

*3 Kelvin Dakin

*4 Roy W. Lockwood
5 Rev. Lawrence R. Pizzey

6 Roger L. K. Whittell (Conductor)
*First in 5 methods inside. To mark the birth of a son (Sean) to Richard and Jennifer Mayes.

PALGRAVE, Suffolk, St. Peter.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 47min. (8 cwt.) 5056 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by C. J. Sedgley. 1 Walter W. Miller

*2 Katharine M. Thorley

3 Muriel R. Page 4 J. Barry Pickup 5 Leslie G. Brett

6 Adrian Knights

Roger D. Bailey 8 J. Martin Thorley (Conductor) *First in method.

BLO-NORTON, Norfolk, St. Andrew.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 35min. (8 cwt.) 5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR

(2 different 2160 blocks and 1 720.) Katharine M. Thorley Leslie G. Brett

J. Martin Thorley 4 Roger D. Bailey (conductor) 5 Frank C. J. Arnold

6 J. Barry Pickup

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SHIPLEY, Sussex, St. Mary the Virgin. Tues., June 30, 1970, 2hr. 40min. (9\frac{3}{4} cwt.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1 Michael LeClere 2 Ruth E. Halford

3 E. Winifred Keys 4 Christopher Renyard 5 Patrick M. Wills

6 Philip Stevens (Conductor)

*First peal.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD

LELANT, Cornwall, St. Uny.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 39min. (8½ cwt.) 5040 STEDMAN DOUBLES (15 callings).

1 Marion L. Lidgey (Conductor)

2 Harry Miles 3 Timothy J. Bell

4 F. Malcolm Bowers 5 Anthony J. Davidson 6 Canon A. S. Roberts

First on six as conductor.

UNIVERSITY OF KEELE SOCIETY

KEELE, Staffs, St. John the Baptist. Fri., June 26, 1970, 2hr. 45min. (8 cwt.) 5040 DOUBLES (10 Grandsire, 4 St. Simon, St. Martin, Rev. Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, 3 each of Eynsham, St. Leonard, Southrepps, Clifford's Pleasure, April Day and 1 of Old Bob).

*1 Margaret Jones

2 Philip W. Gay
3 Michael R. Worthington
4 Leona C. Robinson
5 Michael J. Robinson (Conductor)

*6 John F. Hocking *First peal.

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD

BASINGSTOKE, Hampshire, All Saints.

Sun., May 31, 1970, 3 hr. (12 cwt.) **5040 PLAIN BOB TRIPLES** Composed by H. Hubbard.

*1 Michael Holbrook *2 Philip G. Taylor

†3 J. Jeffrey Hill 4 Lynette Holbrook

*5 R. Brian Walton *6 Peter L. Furniss

7 Geoffrey K. Dodd (Conductor)

Howard E. J. Smith *First on 9. †First of Bob Triples.

BISHOPSTOKE, Hampshire, St. Mary.

Mon., June 29, 1970, 2hr. 23min. (93 cwt.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

1 Roy Le Marechal

2 Barry J. Fry 3 John S. Croft 4 Philip Stevens

5 Ian M. McCallion 6 John P. Colliss

7 R. Brian Walton (Conductor) 8 Richard Green

In memoriam John W. Faithfull.

BELL ROPES

JOHN NICOLL SEE BACK PAGE

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

DODDERHILL, Droitwich Spa, Worcs, St. Augustine of Canterbury.

Sat., June 27, 1970, 2hr. 52min. (18½ cwt.) 5088 LINCOLNSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by W. Barton.

Walter H. Raxter

M. Irene Brown Morley P. Tobin

Clifford Skidmore

5 Martin G. Powell

6 A. Bryan Ellsmore 7 Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor) 8 Martin D. Fellows

A welcome home to the SS. "Great Britain."

BRIDGNORTH, Salop, St. Mary Magdalene.

Sun., June 28, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (8½ cwt.) 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by N. Smith.

Alan Jones

2 M. Irene Brown 3 Morley P. Tobin 4 Peter J. Brown

† Felci J. Blown † Roger H. Hunt 6 Reginald H. Newton † Gerald C. Hemming (Conductor) 8 Michael J. Fellows

*First in method. †375th peal. A farewell to the vicar (Rev. George Abell), leaving for Australia.

EASTWOOD, Notts, St. Mary.

Sat., July 4, 1970, 2hr. 49min. (191 cwt.)

5088 LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by S. J. Ivin.

Margaret Swain J. Clifford Skidmore

3 Morley P. Tobin 4 Michael J. Fellows (Conductor) 5 Michael G. J. Elson

6 Robert Edwards
7 Gerald C. Hemming
8 Martin D. Fellows

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BIRSTWITH, Yorks, St. James the Apostle.

Mon., May 18, 1970, 2hr. 36min. (11 cwt.) 5056 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (14 methods: 448 Bristol, 384 Ashtead, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Pudsey, Rutland, Superlative, Uxbridge, Yorkshire, 192 Cornwall and Cray, with 130 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith. Alan M. Glover

*2 A. Pattie Clapham *3 Graham J. Jones 4 Gerald Parsons

5 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) *6 Peter H. Gardner

John Robinson 8 Ronald R. Warford

*First of 14-spliced. A birthday compliment to Miss Laura Grindrod.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

May 23, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (17 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox.

Alan M. Glover Rosamund M. Brown Shirley M. Drew John P. Ottaway

5 Christopher J. Easton

6 Peter H. Gardner 7 Geoffrey R. Drew 8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Mon., May 25, 1970, 2hr. 53min. (17 cwt.) 5184 RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by J. M. Jelley.

1 Alan M. Glover 2 Peter J. Wycherley 3 Christopher J. Easton

John Robinson

Christopher M. Movley 6 Geoffrey R. Drew 7 Peter H. Gardner

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter. Thur., May 28, 1970, 2hr. 58min. (17 cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR
Composed by C. P. Starbuck.

1 Charles F. W. Eyre

*2 David G. Kealey
3 Alan M. Glover

Christopher J. Easton Graham J. Jones

6 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

7 Barnabas G. Key 8 Christopher Forster *First of Surprise Major inside.

COLLINGHAM, Yorkshire, St. Oswald.

Mon., June 8, 1970, 2hr. 38min. (7 cwt.)

5152 YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR Composed by Ç. I. Rowson.

1 Ronald H. Dove 2 Ronald R. Warford

C. Barrie Dove (Conductor)

E. C. Gareth Higgs 5 Ronald Crabtree 6 Graham J. Jones 7 Alan M. Glover 8 Peter H. Gardner

BIRSTALL, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sat., June 13, 1970, 3hr. 11min. (224 cwt.) 5184 SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR (27 methods: 192 Ashtead, Bottesford, Bristol, Cambridge, Cassiobury, Cornwall, Cray, Delaford, Double Dublin, Glasgow, Helmshore, Higher Walton, Ipswich, Jersey, Lincoln, Lincolnshire, Lindum, London, Ospringe, Pudsey, Radcliffe, Rochester, Rutland, Simonstone, Superlative, Uxbridge and Yorkshire, with 161 changes of method).

Composed by N. Smith.

Arranged by P. M. Wilkinson.

Graham J. Jones

2 Robert A. Beresford 3 John J. Durham

4 Christopher Forster 5 Ronald R. Warford 6 Peter H. Gardner John Robinson

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) First time this arrangement has been rung.

GISBURN, West Yorkshire, St. Mary.

Sat., June 20, 1970, 2hr. 51min. (9 cwt.) 5040 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR

1 Amy M. Warnes
2 Alan Capstick

*3 Andrea E. Smith 4 A. William Pallister

5 Andrew Stott 6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

*First peal. First of Minor in the method by all.

LEEDS, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

June 27, 1970, 3hr. 5min. (17 cwt.) 5056 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR

Composed by D. Knox. 1 Robert A. Beresford *2 Gillian R. Cleaver

3 Rosamund M. Brown 4 Graham J. Jones

*5 Jonathan G. Rose 6 Michael G. Dodson 7 John J. Durham

8 C. Barrie Dove (Conductor) *First of Bristol Surprise Major.

BRADFORD, Yorkshire, St. Peter.

Sun., June 28, 1970, 3hr. 18min. (25½ cwt.) 5039 GRANDSIRE CATERS Composed by C. W. Roberts.

William Barton

2 Maurice J. Thurmott 3 Jane Thurmott

*4 Christopher M. Movley 5 William E. Court

6 Frederick A. Munday *7 Stephen R. Munday

8 W. Eric Critchley
9 Wilfrid F. Moreton (Conductor)

10 Maurice Hillary

*First in the method. For the diocesan jubilee celebrations.

Handbells

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

JESMOND, Newcastle upon Tyne, 11 Sanderson Road.

Sat., May 30, 1970, 1hr. 50min. (12 in F.) 5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR (7 extents).

*1-2 Adrian Dempster
3-4 Colin C. Monson
5-6 Andrew G. Craddock (Conductor)

*First on handbells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold. Fri., June 12, 1970, 1hr. 43min. (14 in D.)

040 WORDSLEY ALLIANCE AN CRAYFORD LITTLE C.B. MINOR AND

(Seven spliced extents.)

1-2 Joseph Whalley 3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor)

First in the methods by all.

HAWKSHEAD, Lancashire, Bettyfold.

Fri., June 26, 1970, 1hr. 55min. (14 in D.) 5760 MINOR (21 methods, 8 extents: Horsmonden and Cumberland; Ennerdale and Killarney; Double Oxford, St. Clement's College and Hereward; Yaxley and Harmondsworth Alliance and Little Bob; Plain and Single Oxford; Double Canterbury Pleasure, Fulbeck and Reverse; London and Double Court; Single Court, College and Original).

1-2 Joseph Whalley

3-4 Mary W. Whalley 5-6 Kevin M. Price (Conductor) First in 21 methods by all.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION

SWINDON VILLAGE, Gloucestershire, 56 Quat Goose Lane.

Tues., June 30, 1970, 2hr. 13min. (11 in G.) 5016 SPLICED PLAIN MAJOR (6 methods: 1920 Plain Bob, 1440 Double Bob, 576 each Reverse Bob and Little Bob, 288
Wellington L.C., 216 Gainsborough L.B.,
with 299 changes of method).

Arranged by Cyril A. Wratten.

1-2 Martyn Hawkes

3-4 Valerie Willard 5-6 Hugh N. Evans 7-8 Cyril A. Wratten (Conductor)

*First in six methods in hand.

QUARTER PEALS—continued

Tarrant Keyneston, Dorset.-July 6, 1272 Rev. Canterbury Pl. Bob Minimus: Judith A. Robertson 1, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 2, M. W. C. Lawson 3, M. J. Dew (first Minimus) 4. First of Minimus in the method by all. For the induction of Rev. D. W. Shaw to the united benefice of the Tarrant Valley.

Thetford, Norfolk.— June 17, 1280 Double Norwich C.B. Major: A. G. Feaver 1, N. M. Watson (first in method) 2, B. E. Whiting 3, R. Rose 4, P. Mayle 5, J. A. Mayle 6, H. B. Fuller (first inside) 7, M. J. Rose (cond.) 8.

Twineham, Sussex.—June 28, 1260 Doubles

(three methods): Ainslie M. Reeve (first quarter) 1, D. Kirkcaldy 2, J. N. Lambert 3, J. Kirkcaldy 4, P. D. Hepburn (cond.) 5. First in three methods for all. For Patronal Festival, and for dedication of the Cyril Clutterbuck memorial

Wareham, Dorset.-June 28, 1280 P.B. Major: G. W. Elmes 1, Marion E. Howitt 2, Judith A. Robertson 3, Mary E. Elmes 4, H. Faulkner 5, T. F. Collins 6, P. R. Keough 7, R. G. W. Robertson (cond.) 8. A compliment to Elizabeth Jane Faulkner (daughter of 5th) and Frank McLaren, married the previous day at Wallington, Surrey, Warwick.—June 28, at St. Mary's, 1260 P.B.

Doubles: Mary Thornton 1, Frances Dodds 2, R. A. Sheasby (cond.) 3, Kate Moir (first in method) 4, Mrs. J. B. Thornton 5, J. B. Thornton 6. First attempt 1, 5, 6. 1, 4, 5 and 6 are regular Sunday service ringers. A farewell to the vicar (Canon O. C. McDowall-Morgan) on his retirement.

Wheatley, Oxon.-June 14, 1260 Bob Doubles: Miss M. A. Long 1, Miss H. E. McGowan 2, K. J. Harris 3, C. Smith 4, L. R. Porter (cond.) 5.

For the Wheatley Flower Festival.

Wimborne St. Giles, Dorset.—June 20, 1280 Cambridge S. Major: Kathleen E. Fletcher 1, H. A. Mitchell 2, B. J. Fry (first Surprise and 50th quarter) 3, Mary Elmes (100th quarter) 4, J. Hartless 5, C. W. Powell 6, M. J. Hiller 7, R. N. Marlow (cond.) 8.

HANDBELLS—continued.

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Wed., July 1, 1970, 1hr. 54min. (15 in C.) 5040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES (J. J. Parker's 12-part.)

1-2 John Vernon 3-4 John Morris

5-6 Alfred Ballard

7-8 Michael Vernon (Conductor)
For the birth of Charlotte Elizabeth, third daughter of Michael and Dorothy Vernon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincolnshire, The Glebelands.

Fri., July 3, 1970, 2hr. 30min. (17 in A.) 5024 OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR
Composed by A. Wilson.

1-2 George E. Feirn

*3-4 Michael W. Crowder

5-6 Jack Bray

†7-8 Jack L. Millhouse (Conductor)
*First of Oxford Treble Bob in hand. †1,400th peal.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

REEPHAM, Norfolk, 29 Sunbarn Road.

Thur., July 2, 1970, 2hr.

5040 PLAIN BOB MINOR

(7 extents, 3 different callings.)

1-2 Eric Durrant

3-4 Kenneth L. Brown (Conductor) 5-6 Walter J. Ford

To celebrate Walter Ford's 50 years' membership of the Norwich Association and 50 years as a ringer at Reepham and Salle. Wath-on-Dearne, Yorks.—June 25, 1260 P.B. Minor: P. Charlesworth 1, Margaret Smalley 2, Smalley 3, D. G. Scourfield 4, M. King 5, R. Corby (cond.) 6.

Westbourne, Sussex. - June 28, 1296 Little Bob Major: Denise Ramshaw 1, Eileen Javne 2, Ruth Halford 3, Mrs. B. M. Hunt 4, N. George 5, E. Treagus 6, J. H. Hunt (cond.) 7, R. Dennis 8. First in method 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8. A compliment to Rev. R. E. Dennis (Vicar of Bootle, Lancs), father of R. E. J. Dennis, on completing 35 years in the ministry.

Woodborough, Notts.-May 1, 1272 Erin Minimus: Joan Carter 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. R. Wild Rus: Joan Carter 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. R. Wild 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Birthday compli-ment to Kathleen Jamson. Also May 8, 1272 Rev. Erin Minimus: A. A. Boden 1, D. W. Flower 2, P. R. Wild 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Birthday compliment to Christina Sinfield. Also Birthday compliment to Christina Sinfield. Also May 10, 1272 Minimus (11 m/v): Patricia M. Hayward 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Half-muffled in memoriam C. G. Wardle, church and parish councillor, died earlier in the day, aged 63 years. Also May 17, 1272 Minimus (Kent and Rev. Bob var.): D. W. Flower 1, G. P. Butler 2, H. G. Wells (cond.) 3, P. L. R. Hayward (arr.) 4. Also May 22, 1264 Rev. St. Nicholas Minimus: A. 22, 1264 Rev. St. Nicholas Minimus: A. A. Boden 1, P. R. Wild 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also May 23, 1260 Minimus (three methods): Sarah E. Boden 1, D. W. Flower 2, A. A. Boden 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Wedding compliment to Margaret R. Andrew and Colin E. Paul. Also May 24, 1352 Minimus (58 m/v): G. P. Butler 1, D. W. Flower 2, H. G. Wells (cond.) 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Halfmuffled in memoriam Mabel Archer, died May 20. Also May 29, 1260 Minimus (five m/v): Sarah E. Boden 1, D. W. Flower 2, A. A. Boden 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond., 50th on the bell) 4. Wedding compliment to Jean Ward. Also June 7, 1272 Minimus (Rev. Cant. and Single Court): Lynne Hoskins 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, Lynne Hoskins 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Also June 8, 1272 Minimus (ditto): G. P. Butler 1, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. R. Wild 4. Halfmuffled in memoriam R. Hall, and to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Charles Dickens. Also June 12, 1272 Minimus (seven methods): P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 1, A. A. Boden 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. R. Wild 4. Half-muffled in memoriam A. V. Frost, died June 10. Also June 13, 1344 Minimus (four m/v): Jennifer R. Lush 1, A. A. Boden 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4. Wedding compliment to Judith Wright. Also June 14, 1440 Pl. Bob Minimus: Jenniter R. Lush 1, G. P. Butler 2, D. W. Flower 3. P. L. R. Hayward (cond.) 4 Half-muffled in memoriam R. B. Hall. Also June 28, 1270 Minimus (seven m/v): Lynne Hoskins 1, Patricia M. Hayward (cond.) 2, D. W. Flower 3, P. L. R. Hayward 4. Birthday compliment to tenor ringer.

Wool, Dorset.—July 1, 1260 Kent and Pl. Bob Minor: S. I. Bamforth 1, C. Cull (first in two methods) 2, Mary E. Elmes 3, T. F. Collins (cond.) 4, G. W. Elmes 5, M. J. Hiller 6.

Hertfordshire Association.

AN ANNUAL EVENT?

The Northern District held its first striking competition at Aston on June 20. The judge took up his vantage point, the six bands drew for order of ringing, and the tension mounted as each team in turn went up the tower to exercise its skill in 240 changes.

Tea was taken in the village school and the president of the association (Mr. A. R. Agg) welcomed the judge, Mr. A. E. Rushton (president of the Bedford Association). He thanked Peter Cranfield for organising the competition which, being well supported, it is hoped to make an an-

Mr. Rushton proceeded to give his comments and marks for each team, which were: 1 Hitchin (Plain Bob Minor, 112 faults), 2 Sandon (call changes, 186), 3 Benington (call changes, 216), 4 St. Ippolyts (Plain Bob Minor, 218), 5 Baldock (Original Doubles, 243), 6 Actor (call changes, 243), 6 Actor (call changes, 243), 6 Actor (call changes, 243), 6 Actor (call changes) Doubles, 243), 6 Aston (call changes, 250).

Hitchin were presented with the trophy, and Peter Cranfield thanked Mr. Rushton for his very helpful remarks, Mr. L. Izzard for the use of Aston bells, and the Aston ladies for the splendid tea.

The District also met at its two most easterly towers on July 4, when it visited Barley and Barkway. Ringing took place at Barley before the rector (Rev. A. S. Lockett) welcomed the gathering and conducted a shortened form of Evensong.

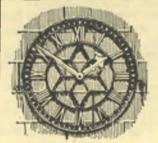
Members then went to Barkway, where tea and the business meeting were held in the vicarage. The president (Mr. A. R. Agg) took the chair, and it was announced that the district dinner would be held at the Three Horseshoes, Norton, in October, and that the next evening meeting would be at Walkern and Ardeley.

Bands were invited to enter for the Kimpton Cup in September in view of the success of the district striking competition.

Miss B. Harris suggested that a donation should be made to Great Wymondley in view of the state of the ropes, or that other towers should pass on old ropes.

The vicar (Rev. P. D. Kingston) and Mrs. Kingston were thanked for the use of the room, and the ladies for providing tea.

M. M. R.



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Editorial

WILLIAM PYE CENTENARY

To many younger ringers the name of William Pye is just a legend, but to the not-so-young who were privileged to meet and perhaps fortunate enough to ring with this remarkable man the experience will never be forgotten.

August 11 this year is the centenary of William Pye's birth, and it has been suggested that peals and quarter peals might be rung to honour the occasion. A well-known and respected member of the Central Council has offered to write an article on the career and achievements of William Pye, and this will be included in the issue of August 7. Any special ringing carried out during the following month will be under a separate heading, if contributors will indicate that this was the purpose for the effort.

The East Anglian Daily Times carried a letter recently, with illustrations, telling of an alarm bell associated with the Dickens era which is still hanging over furniture premises and formerly part of a school block depicted in the early editions of Mr. Pickwick's night adventure.

Nancy Lewis, who comes from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, was one of the first young ladies to be taught to handle a bell by Mr. William Theobald when installing the bells over there. Now she has rung the 2nd to a quarter of Bob Major over here after only three plain courses in the method.

A page from the Estates Gazette, sent to us from Mr. Macadam, of Barcombe, Sussex, depicts an architect's model of an £18m. development scheme in Melbourne, Australia, for a six-storey podium block backed by a 53-storey tower block which would completely dwarf the Cathedral and could compromise any ringing which might take place there. Building is scheduled to start in 1971.

Mr. Claude Rush, of Felixstowe, tells us that after spending £36,000 on restoring St. Peter's Church tower, Sudbury, the Parochial Church Council of St. Gregory's with St. Peter's has decided to close St. Peter's Church down and continue with St. Gregory's only. The eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.) are at the foundry and may be rehung "dead," whilst at the other churches, St. Gregory's (8, 16 cwt.) and All Saints' (8, 26 cwt.), the bells are unringable. A very sad state of affairs generally, he concludes.

About the New Secretary.

The Oxford Guild's new secretary, Mr. W. Butler, whose photo appeared last week, was introduced to ringing when his sister married a ringer, who started him in 1945 at Clewer. His first peal was in 1947 (Bob Minor) at Clewer, and he has rung about 200 in most standard methods, conducting about half of them.

He was secretary of East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for nine years, ringing master of the Newbury Branch for some years, represents the Guild on the Central Council 1957-60, 1966— and recently was elected on the Sunday Service and Education Committee.

Belfry Gossip

St. Paul's, Maitland, N.S.W., celebrated the centenary of the installation of its bells by a ringing weekend last May.

Personal Records: Gerald C. Hemming (375 peals), Jack L. Millhouse (1,400), Percy Newton (200), Roderick R. Horton (25).

New method this week is Meldreth S. Major at Meldreth, Cambs, for Ely Diocesan Association.

The greatest number of methods yet rung to a peal on 12 bells was achieved at Leicester Cathedral on June 20 when 105 were scored, Neil Bennett conducting.

We were just too late to correct a printer's error in last week's issue. The caption on page 552 gave Miss Mary Cross when, of course, the name so well known to ringers is MARIE! (Sorry!)

First peal congratulations to P. J. Tyler-Maggs, Clive W. Templeton, Sally A. Gifford, Edward Willitt, Jacqueline Saker, Michael LeClere, Margaret Jones, John F. Hocking, Nicholas E. Green, Andrea E. Smith and David Woodward.

Mrs. D. E. Beamish corrects a recent paragraph and says that the £10,000 legacy at Exhall was left to beautify the churchyard. No mention was made of the bells. However, the ringers can always hope!

The youngest band in the Guildford Guild to ring a peal had an average age of 15 years 7 months and rang 5040 Doubles at Send, Surrey, conducted by 16-years-old Eddy Futcher. The editor's nephew, 12-years-old Timothy Denyer, rang the treble—his first attempt for a peal.

A photo received of Michael E. Brown standing beside a bell frame which he and Des Butterfield have made is of considerable interest but the print is not sharp enough for reproduction in the R.W.

We are going through a period of lost quarters, writes Mike Scowen from Ringwood, Victoria, in sending us a report of the ANZAB festival. He says they attempt one a week and haven't scored one since the beginning of May. ["If at first . . ., etc."—Ed.]

Whether 'tis better to remain thirsty or to sully one's delicate palate with some unknown liquid is a question asked by a reader when on a ringers' tour. [It has never been a problem to ringers in our area.—Ed.]

1066 and all that. "Norman service ringing" will take place, said a leaflet advertising an open day for the public to learn more of their bells, their tower and their ringers. Nevertheless over 100 signed the visitors' book at Kingswood, Surrey, and William the Conqueror was not among

David Cooper, of Gnosall, Staffs, has obtained a first-class degree in maths in this year's finals at Oxford University and awarded a junior maths prize. David rang his first peal (P.B. Major) with O.U.S.C.R. in June at Kingham, Oxon.

In place of the normal district meeting in Derby on June 27 nine quarter peals were attempted, aimed to provide quarters for ringers who lacked the opportunity in their own tower. Five were successful, but the practical experience at the other four must have proved beneficial to those taking part. (Congratulations to the organisers.)

"I'm sorry that it hasn't been typed but my handwriting is the lesser of two evils," quotes E. C. (a correspondent). [If all our ccpy was as well written our editing would be halved.—Ed.]

Our leader of a few weeks ago asking for "other hobbies" resulted in just two replies. Michael Swales, of Dunstable, tells us he is interested in church organs and keeps a record of various details—maker, age, specification, etc.; and Richard Cann, of Solihull, is interested in phillumeny (collecting of matchbox labels and booklets). He is hon. secretary/treasurer of the West and Mid'and Match Label Society.

The local company at St. George's, Doncaster, has continued to make progress this year by ringing a quarter peal in each of the standard eight Surprise Major methods and a peal of Bristol, the latter being the first peal of Surprise for Sheila Bruce. The band hope to ring at least a quarter peal in all the eight methods spliced before the end of the year.

"Our grateful thanks to all who so hospitably received us and made us welcome ... the memory of your friendly welcome and excellent bells will remain with us for a long time," is the way A. E. R. concluded a brief report of an outing and which is typical of what ringers wish to express after a pleasant trip.

Under the heading "A Composers' Conundrum" a ringer asks: Could any of our expert composers compose a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples which if transposed four times would include all the 5.040 changes? The same question might be asked also for peals of Plain Bob Major with eight transpositions for the extent. These nine peals of 5,040 changes could be called by a collective name and numbered 1 to 9 as could the five quarters of Grandsire.

A programme of peals, quarters and other special arrangements is planned for May 15 next year, when the Leicester Guild celebrates the 25th anniversary of its formation. A service is to be held in Leicester Cathedral, at which the Lord Bishop of Leicester will preach and at which, it is hoped, representative clergy will be present. The Bishops of Derby and Southwell and the Vicar of Burton-on-Trent have been invited and a dinner will be held in the evening to round off the celebrations.

When we receive letters of criticism and complaints (as any newspaper does) we are inclined to forget that many readers enjoy our efforts. This one is particularly cheering: "May I say how very much I enjoy reading your excellent paper every week—I go through it 'with a toothcomb'. Anything to do with campanology fascinates me immensely and I love ringing, having visited no less than 138 different towers since I started in April, 1968." [Thank you, G.E.—Ed.]

A long and, unfortunately, out-of-date report of an outing in April, headed "Bing's Ring" has been received and gives details of the churches visited and ringing enjoyed. Huntingfield, Heveningham, Badingham, Peasenhall, Framlingham, Yoxford, Bramfield, Halesworth, Wissett, Bungay, Beccles, Barsham, Southwold-on-Sea and Westhaston were included during the weekend tour.



RINGERS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, STRATFORD-ON-AVON

Special mention must be made of the five ringers in the front row, for between them they account for more than 165 years of regular service ringing at Stratford, unbroken except for the war years. They are (I, to r.) Reg Chapman (34 years), Bert Print (35), Fred Lyne (35), George Ingram (25), Jim

Steed (37). The others (l. to r.): Sally Eborall, I. Barclay, Geraldine Lea, M. Reed, Rosamond Cope, Jean Smith, Jill Ri'ey, Hazel Mackenzie, J. L. Findon, D. White, Pamela Hyde, Clare Whitmore, F. Cope, A. Borland, D. Bates.

(Stratford Church is our front cover illustration.)

Lancashire Association.

GARDEN PARTY

The weather let us down very badly this year and our garden party had to move indoors. The amusements were soon set up, however, in the spacious schoolroom next to the church, and games, competitions and

ringing were enjoyed.

The Rev. M. C. C. Melville paid us a visit and was "roped in" to judge the "six-in-line" handbell competition. This took the place of our usual six-a-side cricket match and proved to be just as hilarious. The judge summed up in like vein (obviously overawed by his surroundings) and we thank him for his patience. Unfortunately the changes were not too well struck.

Lincoln Guild.

THE TAYLOR SHIELD

The seventh annual striking competition of the Southern Branch was held at Horbling (6) on June 20. The afternoon started with a service conducted by the Rev. R. H. Moseley, and was followed by the six teams ringing as follows: Grantham (B) 72 faults. Bourne 63, Grantham (A) 27. faults, Bourne 63, Grantham (A) 27. Silk Willoughby (rang out), Stamford 45, Billingborough 92.

The winning team was: H. Leslie Squires 1, Mrs. Hazel Ketteringham 2, Peter A. Hill 3, Vaughan P. Evans 4, Brian Buttery 5, Peter A. Slight (conductor) 6.

Grantham (A) and Stamford will represent the branch in the guild competition to be held at Waddington in September.

The judges were Messrs. P. Reynolds (Swineshead) and H. Barsley (Algarkirk). Tea was provided by Mrs. Moseley and ladies of the Horbling M.U. on the Vicarage lawn, after which ringing took place with friends and visitors from Horncastle. Kent County Association.

SEETHING WITH ACTIVITY

As usual, the past five months in the Maidstone District have been seething with activity — beginners' practices, advanced practices, quarterly and by-meetings, a football match and a striking competition.

On the whole, the attendance at beginners' practices, held in groups of three. could be a lot better. However, those that have attended seem to benefit from having an experienced band round them whilst they ton Monchelsea, Staplehurst, Headcorn, Boxley, and last but not least to those at Hollingbourne for so graciously accepting an invasion of "foreigners" on their practice nights.

Advanced practices, held on the first Tuesday in every month, at Aylesford, Leeds, Linton, Maidstone or West Malling, have been reasonably successful, but once again attendance could be better.

Attempts to arrange a district social for February failed, but a return football match between Ashford and Maidstone eventually materialised at the ringing festival held at Aylesford on May 30. In spite of the ball spending more time in the adjoining rub-bish tip, and in spite of Maidstone's careful selection of referee, Ashford won.

The striking competition this year was held at Wateringbury. Six bands entered and were placed as follows: 1 Maidstone All Saints' (A), 2 Wateringbury, 3 Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, Maidstone St. Michael and Water Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B), followed by Headcorn, which was supported by the Maidstone All Saints' (B) and Maidstone All Saints' (B) a Maidstone St. Michael's and West Malling.

The district outing, originally planned for Bedfordshire in July, has been changed be-cause of the introduction of driving restrictions and is now to be to the South Downs.

Bath and Wells Association GOODWILL MESSAGE

On June 6, a perfect June day, the Ilchester Branch held its quarterly meeting at the lovely Parish Church of St. Andrew. Trent. The village many years ago was handed over to Dorset, but the church remains in the diocese of Bath and Wells.

Ringers and friends were welcomed by the rector (Rev. T. C. P. Brook), who read the belfry office and conducted the Guild service. The rector conveyed a message of goodwill from Lord Fisher of Lambeth, who regretted being unable to attend, and gave a simple and moving address. The organist was Miss Brooks and the tower master Mr. H. Brooks.

At the business meeting in the church. under the chairmanship of Mr. Gilbert Rendell, the branch was pleased to receive Rev. T. C. P. Brook as an associate member. (Ilchester is well on the way to having its own "clerical" team!) Other ringing members elected were as follows: Mr. Mervyn Clark (Langport), Miss P. J. Stephens (Odcombe), Mr. Colin J. Baker (Montacute), Miss Maxine Trott (Somerton). Miss Anna Penny (Stoke-sub-Hamdon). Messrs. H. W. Pearce, Nigel Grinter. Paul Grinter, Kevin Beale and Mrs. Audrey Cole and Miss M. J. Wilburn (South Petherton), Misses Wendy Leach, Sandra Parker, Janet Bradford, Ruth Palmer and Hilary Thorne (Tintinhull).

The company stood in silence, remembering W. Sweet (Norton-sub-Hamdon) and E. Lucas (Kingsdon), who had died.

The pleasant, good-going six (tenor 18 cwt.) were put to good use during the afternoon and evening, under the direction of the assistant ringing master (Mr. Jim Taylor).

Thanks are extended to all responsible for their courtesy and kindness.

M. M. L.

Notices.

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RIRTH

COX .- At 1.56 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, at 42 Cedar Close, Worthing, Sussex, a daughter, Janine Theresa (8 lb. 12 oz.), a sister for Peter Alan

DEATH

HOBDEN.—On July 9, 1970, Harold S. Hobden, of Little London, Sussex. Fondly remembered by the many ringers he taught at Eastbourne. An appreciation will be published.

PERSONAL

"Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."—Psalm xvi,

MISCELLANEOUS

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Farnham District.—Aldershot Tower: Sunday service ringing at Aldershot Tower has been cancelled for Aug. 16, 23 and 30. Similarly, Thursday evening practices have been cancelled for Aug. and 27.-S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Tower Sec. 9281

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EVENING MEETINGS AND PRACTICES

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cambridge District. - Sat., Aug. 8, Fulbourn (8), 6 p.m. onwards.---J. S.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South Eastern District.—District practice, Great Totham, Fri., July 31, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—R. J. H., Dis. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. -Cheltenham Branch.-Monthly practice meeting, Tues., July 28, Dumbleton (6), from 7.30

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Syston trict.—An evening meeting will be held at Thurcaston on Mon., July 27. Ringing 7-9 p.m. All welcome.—M. R. A. Kirk, Dis. Sec. 9238

LEICESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leicester District. — Evening meeting, Groby, Sat., Aug. 1. Ringing 6-8.30 p.m. Everyone very welcome. 9241 Ron Hughes.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION. — Monmouth Branch. — Evening practice meeting, Fri., July 31, Usk. Bells 7.30–9 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich and Surprise. 9270

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. - S. and W. District.—Evening practices: Staines, St. Mary's, Fri., July 24, 7.45-9.15 p.m.; Chiswick, Wed., Aug. 12, 7.30-9 p.m.—C. H. R. 9293

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Surprise practice meeting, St. Mary's, Petworth (8), on Wed., Aug. 5, 8–9 p.m. 9242

SUFFOLK GUILD .- North West District .- Induction of new rector, Rev. J. E. Ruttford, at Walsham-le-Willows (6) on Friday evening, Aug. 7. Service 7.30. Ringing from 6.30 before and after service. Ringers welcome.—A. F. B. 9291

WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH GUILD .-Christchurch and Southampton District.—Special practice in standard methods at All Saints' Milford-on-Sea, Hants, on Wed., 7.15 - 9 p.m. Visitors welcome. — Gilian Davis, Dis. Sec.

AFTERNOON MEETINGS

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIA-TION. — Cary Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Henstridge (6), July 25, 3 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—L. McCreadie, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset. 9257

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Branch. — Quarterly meeting, Worle, July 25 Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards.-M. Legg.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. - Wisbech District.—Meeting, Shouldham, July 25. Bells 3. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Bring own food, cups of tea provided.-D. Feek, Dis. Sec. 9261

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—Quarterly meeting, on July 25, Godalming. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Church Hall. Names, please, to Mr. V. Debenham, Hazel Bank, Busbridge Lane,

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD .- East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Meeting, Windsor (8), on Sat., July 25, 2.30 till 5 p.m., and Slough (10) from 6 p.m. Own tea arrangements (available near Windsor Church).-A. L. Pearson. 9272

SOUTHWELL GUILD.—Mansfield District.— Meeting, July 25. Ringing at Teversal (5) 2.30-4.30 p.m.; Sutton-in-Ashfield (8) 6-8.30 p.m. Please make own arrangements for tea. 9173

SUFFOLK GUILD. -- Central District.-- Quarterly meeting, Cotton (8), Sat., July 25. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please, to Mrs. S. M. Franks, Taylers Green, Bacton, Stowmarket.

AND PORTSMOUTH WINCHESTER WINCHESTER AND PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting, July 25, All Saints', Catherington. Bells 2.30—4.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15 in Village Hall, followed by business meeting. Evening ringing at SS. Peter and Paul, Hambledon, only. From 2.30 till 3 the ringing will consist of raising and lowering in peal. Special methods: St. ing and lowering in peal. Special methods: 9138 Clement's and Surfleet.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Bedford District.—Quarterly meeting, Wootton (6), Sat., Aug. 1. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea in Church Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting and evening ringing. Everyone welcome. 9254

COVENTRY DIOCESAN GUILD. - Warwick Archdeaconry.—Monthly meeting, Sat., Aug. Great Woolford. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. H. M. Windsor, 5 Park Lane, Harbury, Leamington Spa (phone: Harbury 504). Evening ringing at Long Compton. Bells (6) 7-8.30 p.m.—R. A. S. 9234

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.— Meeting, Belchamp St. Paul (6), Sat., Aug. 1. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea, business and further ringing. Numbers for tea to C. H. Gillingham, 69 Mount Road, Braintree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. —Gloucester Branch.—Meeting, Elmore (6), on Aug. 1, 3 p.m. Service at Longney, 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to P. Gould, 139 Deans Way, Gloucester, by July 29. Longney (8) available after meeting.

GUILDFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. -- Farnham District.—Meeting, Hawley, Sat., Aug. 1. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. D. Jennings, 74 Chapel Lane, Farnborough, by previous Wed., please.—S. J. Tate-Mitchell, Dis. Sec. 9282

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. - Lancaster Branch.—Meeting at Heversham on Sat., Aug. 1.
Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.
Names for tea to Mr. P. Handley, Craketrees, Whinfell, Kendal. 9290

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—S. and W. District.—Meeting, Sat., Aug. 1, Cranford (6), 3—4.45 p.m. Tea and short business meeting at Heston Church Hall (adjoining church) 5. Heston bells (8) 6.30—8.30 p.m. All welcome.—C. H. R. 9292

NORTH STAFFS ASSOCIATION. — Meeting, Aug. 1, Mayfield (6). Bells available 3–5 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Ellastone (6) available 6.45–8.30 p.m. Names for tea to Mr. Clowes, Town End Farm, Upper Mayfield, near bourne, by Wed., July 29. 9300

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD .- Guilsborough Branch.-Meeting, Haselbech, Sat., Aug Please bring picnic tea.

SELBY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Meeting, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, Sat., Aug. 1. Bells 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Tea (mod. charge) 5 p.m. Names, please, to Mr. R. J. Carey, High Street, Holme-on-Spalding Moor, York, YO4 4EN, by July 29.—L. M. Woodhead, Hon. Sec. 9273

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION .- Northern Division. — Quarterly meeting at Withyham (8).

Aug. 1. Bells 3 p.m. Service 6. Picnic tea.

Meeting 6 in belfry. Ringing in the evening until 8.30 p.m.—Jean Osbon, Div. Sec. 9295

HARSTON FLOWER FESTIVAL

July 24, 25 and 26.

The bells of All Saints Church will be available from 2.30 to 6.30 on Sunday, July 26.

Evensong 6.30 p.m.

Light teas will be available. Individual ringers welcome.

Please let me know about any organised parties. B. D. Threlfall, The Granary, 13 Royston Road, Harston, Cambridge. Tel. Harston 650.

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(Southern Branch)

A joint meeting with the BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT and the SHEFFIELD AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES

will be held at Thrybergh (6), 15.00-16.30, Wath-on-Dearne (8), 18.30 onwards, on Saturday, August 1.

Tea, followed by a short business meeting, will be held at Wath-on-Dearne at 17.00, and those requiring teas should notify A. Colin Banton, 194 Gleadless Common, Sheffield, S12 2US (Tel.: 390557), by the previous Thursday (July Everyone is cordially invited.

CUMBERLAND AND NORTH WESTMORLAND ASSOCIATION

CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK, FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS, MUSIC and DRAMA July 30 to August 2

Joint branch ringing meeting on Sat., Aug. 1 Bells available throughout the day except for short periods for prayers in church.

Refreshments available in school adjoining J. W. Brownrigg, Gen. Sec.

URANGWOT-10

This puzzle attracted only about half as many entries as No. 9 and almost all of them were correct. Male entries made up two-thirds of the total. Of the correct entries the first drawn out of the hat came from Anthony J. Davidson, Tyneholme. Barrack Lane, Truro, Cornwall.

There are 10 ways of choosing sets of 3 things from 5 where order does not matter. Thus there will be 10 × 10 or 100 possibilities for a band of 3 boys and 3 girls as laid down by the Vicar. The bans on K and M together and A and D together remove 3 combinations from each side to leave 7×7. There was also the specific exclusion of the JKN combination for the

B refused if N in and L refused if C in. If these are examined in all 4 arrangements.

- (i) B out N in with L out C in
- (ii) ditto with L in C out (iii) B in N out with L out C in
- (iv) ditto with L in C out

it is found that (i) gives CDE JMN and ACE JMN as compatible so far and (iv) gives BDE JKL. Taking into account that K must be in if both C and D are in and also that if N is not in E is out we are left with ACE and JMN as the only completely compatible band.

BUTLEIGH, SOMERSET

7s. 6d. in the Bell Fund

A few years ago the bell fund of Butleigh Church only contained 7s. 6d. All hope of restoring the bells must have seemed impossible and yet now, just a few years later, a full restoration has been completed. The restored ring, completely rehung in a new frame and fittings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., was rededicated by the Bishop of Taunton on Wednesday, June 10. The church was well filled for the service, during which the Bishop took in hand, for the blessing of the bells, two ropes hung from the internal window of the ringing room of the central-towered church.

After the service refreshments were provided for all the ringers present by the liberality of the Vicar of Butleigh.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co. have been associated with Butleigh since 1857 (see list below) and must be proud of this final crowning achievement. It is hoped that the sound of the bells will soon be modified in the ringing chamber to put the finishing touches on this excellent ring of six bells.

THE BELLS

Treble: Founder, Taylor; date, 1873; diam. 2ft. 10¾in.; weight, 8cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. 2: Austen (?); 1619; 2ft. 10½in.; 7-1-8. 3: Taylor; 1876: 3ft. 1½in.; 8-3-4. 4: Taylor; 1857; 3ft. 4¾in.; 11-3-17. 5: Purdue; 1694; 3ft. 7½in.; 14-0-19. Tenor: Taylor; 1907; 4ft. ½in.; 19-3-5.

Bath and Wells Association. A MEMORIAL SUGGESTED

The quarterly meeting of the Chew Branch was held at Easton-in-Gordano on June 20, and after the service, conducted by the Rector (Rev. J. Ramsey), a buffet tea was served by members of the local band and their wives to some 30 members and friends.

New members elected were Mr. and Mrs. J. Powell (Publow), Mr. N. Newton, Miss J. Newton and Miss H. Bell (Long Ashton) and Mr. J. Mounty, Mr. I. Crighton and Mr. I. Ramsey (Easton-in-Gordano).

A sub-committee consisting of Mr. T. G. Phillips, Mr. W. Kingscott, together with the secretary (Mr. D. G. Yeo), was set up to consider the form of a memorial to the late ringing master and chairman, Mr. H. W. Knight, and to report back in due course. The chairman gave an account of the annual meeting held at Bath, and also reported that five quarter peals had so far been rung in the branch to mark the 80th anniversary of the association. Further ringing followed the meeting.

Middlesex Association. A POOR START

The monthly meeting of the N. and E. District at Pinner on June 20 was held in glorious summer weather, and visitors were present from Epsom, Watford, Melbourn (Cambs), Tunbridge Wells, Hever (Kent) and Bedford. The attendance was poor in the early afternoon, Mrs. Hart (master) finding it difficult to maintain continuity of ringing. Numbers improved somewhat after tea and upwards of 50 ringers took part in the ringing during the meeting.

It was pleasing to welcome members of the St. John at Hackney band who made the rather long journey, and to see the progress they have made over the last few months.

Tea preceded the service, which was conducted by the vicar (Rev. D. Ritchie), who took part in the ringing. A short business meeting followed, at which Miss Ann Duffell and Peter H. Mackie were elected ringing members, and the provisional belfry election of Mrs. Alice M. Talbot Ponsonby (Radlett) as a non-resident member was ratified.

Thanks were accorded to Don Knights and Ken Sanders for local arrangements and to Mrs. Bardsley and her helpers for providing an excellent tea. Ringing continued but was brought to a premature close by an unfortunate mishap to the 7th bell. E. H. K.

Bedfordshire Association.

LADIES TO REPRESENT DISTRICT

It was a glorious, sunny afternoon for the annual striking contest of the Biggleswade District held at Tempsford on June 20, when six teams entered. The final placings were: 1 Henlow (combined), 2 Stotfold, Biggleswade (B), 4 Biggleswade (A), 5 Maulden, 6 Ampthill.

Tea was served in the Stuart Memorial Hall by Mrs. R. Houghton and helpers, after which the judges, Mr. C. M. Orme and Mr. R. Piron (both from the Bedford District) gave the results and commented on the afternoon's ringing. Mr. R. Piron presented the cup to Mr. B. Sims (of the Henlow combined team).

Stotfold and Biggleswade (B), all ladies, represent the district at the Bedfordshire Association contest, as the Henlow combined team was not a complete Sunday service band

Later, further ringing continued with Mr

C. D. Mann as ringing master.

The arrangements for the contest were M. L. M. made by Mr. M. Major.

Salisbury Guild.

ON A SUMMER'S DAY

The quarterly meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Iwerne Minster on June 13, a lovely summer's day. The bells were kept moving from 3 until 4.30, when the guild office was conducted by the chairman (Rev. R. G. Chaffey Moore) and the than (Rev. R. A. Wells, vice-chairman). The lesson was read by Mr. J. Ralph, a veteran from Gillingham, and the organist was Mr. D. Greenway (also a ringer). Prayers were said for Miss Lottie Ride-out, vice-captain at Compton Abbas, a guild member, who had died the previous week. Later the chairman paid tribute to her work.

Tea was provided by the ladies of Iwerne Minster in the Vicarage room, and was enjoyed by 35 members and friends representing 15 towers within the branch and three outside it. Mr. C. Longridge reported on the guild A.G.M. and also on the progress of arrangements for the branch outsing in September. outing in September.

New members elected were: Mrs. Hayward (Compton Abbas), Messrs. Lillie (Zeals), M. Turpin, M. Coombes, C. Dudderidge, P. R. Extance, N. Warren and C. T. Wells (Marnhull), the last five being junior members.

After the meeting there was ringing at Blandford and at Shroton.

Herts County Association. A ROPE WAS MISSING

The Eastern District journeyed into Lincolnshire on June 13 for the annual outing, arranged by the district secretary (Mr. Stanley James). The first tower was at Edenham, where Ernie Newsham took charge, and we then moved on to the large Fen village of Billingborough, where David Harris supervised at the very attractive church with an equally fine ring of eight

After lunch we went to Heydon, where unfortunately the tenor rope was missing which prevented us from ringing. Next was the magnificent ring of ten at Grantham and the party then moved on to Barrowby (6), overlooking the Vale of Belvoir, the ringing being under the guidance of John Kemp.

Tea had been prepared in the church hall by local ladies, who were thanked. This was followed by handbell ringing.

We arrived in Hertford at approximately 9.50 p.m., and thanks were expressed to Stanley James for making the arrangements.

OH, DEAR!!

Mr. G. D. Armitage, of Harrogate, Yorkshire, writes correcting our report on page 496 "Lost his trousers, etc." He says the peal attempt at Lightcliffe lasted one hour and ten minutes, and the St. Matthew's bells there are to be recast into a "mini-ring."
(It is hoped to have the work done this autumn.)

The bells of St. Oswald's, Durham, are not to be melted down, five of them being by Christopher Hodson, 1694 (the 2nd is a recast by Gillett and Co., 1881). It is at St. Oswald's that it is hoped to arouse local interest to have the bells hung on a metal

frame lower in the tower.
[Mr. Armitage says he has been embarrassed by our incorrect report, but on our part the information was written on both sides of three octavo sheets and the pages not numbered, and this partly caused the mix-up when rewritten.

We again ask all correspondents please to write on one side of the paper only, each sheet numbered. Rewriting will not then be necessary.]

[&]quot;Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, then do that with all thy might.'

WEDDING

The marriage took place at Clitheroe Parish Church, Lancs, on July 4 of Mr. John Pilkington and Miss Shirley Wash-brook. The bride wore a full-length dress of Milano satin cut on semi-princess line, shoulder-length veil (embroidered with bells) and with bandeau of lace and pearls. She carried a bouquet of yellow tea roses. She was attended by four bridesmaids, and the best man was Mr. Ian N. Goldthorpe. John was tower captain at Blackburn Cathedral until this year, and he is ringing master of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association and also leader of Blackburn Cathedral team of handbell ringers. Shirley was also, until this year, tower captain at Clitheroe. Local ringers rang before and after the service. John and Shirley will live at Whalley, Lancs



LATE NOTICES

LING. - To Michael and Olga, on July 4, a daughter, Megan Ruth, a sister for Andrew and

Miriam. 9307
MID-DEVON. — Bed, breakfast and dinner.
Good centre for touring. Mrs. A. Fidler, "Highcroft", Bow, Crediton. Also 4-berth caravan at
Sandymouth Bay, near Bude. — Vacancies September. Bow 379.
ALDRINGTON (HOVE), ST. LEONARD'S. —
Practice night changed to Thursday, 7.45 p.m.,
until further notice, tower being redecorated.
All visitors welcome. —R. Morris. 9308
DEVON GUILD. — N. and N.W. Branch. —
Summer meeting, Stratton (Cornwall), Sat., Aug.
B. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 4.30, followed by

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ely District.
—Evening meeting, Wicken, Sat., Aug. 1. Bells
(5) from 6.30–8.30 p.m. Special methods: Winchendon Place and New Bob. 9303

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Evening meeting, Sat., Aug. 1, at Walkern (6), 5.30–7 p.m.; Ardeley (6), 7–8.30
p.m. Everyone welcome. 9306

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—Meeting, Newchurch Parish, Culcheth, Sat., July 25. Tower open for ringing 3–8 p.m.
Bells (8). Cups of tea provided. Special methods: Bob Major and Superlative. All welcome.—Pauline Tallis, Branch Sec. 9316

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Meeting, Sat., Aug. 1, at Hilperton. Ringing commences 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Names for tea, please.—Mr. H. Hoskins, 107, Church Street, Hilperton, Trowbridge, Wilts.

9305 ST. PETER'S, HENFIELD .- There will be no further practice meetings until the first Wednes-day in September, 1970. 9315

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On Sunday, August 2nd, at 9.45,
dedication of two new trebles.
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Bells available after Evensong—visitors welcome.
Peal attempt, August 5th, 6.30.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHURCH BELLRINGERS

(Northampton Branch)
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FESTIVAL OF MUSIC ON HANDBELLS and

and
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Teams wishing to take part should contact Mr.
B. R. Care, 12, Parade Bank, Moulton.
Proceeds from this event for the P.D.G. Bell
Restoration Fund. All welcome.

The photo on page 550 last week gave the lady on the right as Mrs. Wycherley when it should have said Mrs. Wratten. (Keith Foot (aged 6½) has written to say it is his Aunti Margery, which of course it is, Keith!)

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25 YEARS AGO

Taken from The Ringing World for July 20, 1945

A date touch of Grandsire Triples (1945 changes) was rung at St. Peter's, Bourne-mouth, in which Miss Mary Davis rang the 3rd, J. V. Davis the tenor and A. V. Davis conducted from the 7th.

Reuters reported that Sub-Lieut, A. R. Pink showed the Duke of Gloucester how to ring handbells when the latter visited the battleship "Duke of York."

"I consider it better to ring call-changes with respectable striking than to attempt change-ringing and produce jangling" (letter from Denis A. Bayles).

At Isleworth a quarter of Bob Minor was rung for Evensong by Miss S. Harris, Mrs. O. L. Rogers, Miss K. Brooks, A. F. Thirst (cond.), G. Dodds and H. W. Rogers.

Redvers F. Elkington conducted a peal of D. Norwich at Aldershot and next day a peal of Stedman at Alton.

At Helmingham, Suffolk, T. W. Last conducted Cambridge Major, Leslie G. Brett ringing the 2nd and Ronald Bullen the 6th

Rivalry is a great incentive to progress and there is no doubt that the rivalry between bands and societies was an important factor in the life and development of the Exercise.—Leader.

A joint meeting of the College Youths and Middlesex Association was held at Southgate, and Mr. J. F. Smallwood congratulated Mr. C. T. Coles on having brought about such a meeting.

Firsts in the method (Double Norwich) were scored by Denis Layton, E. S. John Hatcher and Vernon Benning at Bexley. Kent, Mr. P. A. Corby conducting.

50 YEARS AGO

July 23, 1920

The Dean of Wells upset the Bath and Wells Association by refusing to allow a simple tablet bearing 54 names of ringers killed in the Great War to be placed in the Cathedral. The Dean insisted on a more ambitious and expensive memorial—a statue in one of the niches. It was decided to place the tablet in Bath Abbey instead of Wells Cathedral.

Geoffrey Milton, aged 13, rang his first peal (Grandsire Triples) at Chester, the conductor being Robert Sperring.

At Selly Oak in a peal of Kent T.B. Major William B. Cartwright rang his first peal in the method, the conductor being Samuel Grove.

Frederick J. Bowley, jun. (aged 11), rang the treble for a peal of Grandsire Doubles. conducted by his father. He is believed to be the youngest peal ringer in the country.

A handbell peal of Bob Minor at Reepham, Norfolk, was rung by six ringers. each ringing one bell.

Northam, Devon, bells were dedicated after augmentation to eight; a new ring of eight at Heathfield, Sussex, was also dedicated as were two new bells at North Mymms, Herts.

The Hereford Guild festival at Leominster heard that the new districts which had been formed a year previously had proved a great success.

At a mid-week meeting of the Middlesex County Association at Northaw over 20 attended, which was considered very satisfactory. Unfortunately, because of illness near the church, ringing was stopped after two short touches had been rung.

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(3) 34-34.16-36.12-12.3rds	64523	6ths

Chelford, etc.—Special Alliance. Buxton, etc.—Ordinary Alliance.
Adwick, etc.—Treble dodges in 1-2 only. New Alliance.—Treble dodges in 1-2 and 5-6.

In adddition to these there are Plain methods and two types of Little in the extent.

(Incidentally the New Alliance type has never, so far as I know, been rung; also this is the first time that four types of Alliance have appeared in one extent.)

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